

# BWA Meeting To Be Largest At Stockholm Congress Hall

STOCKHOLM — One of the world's largest and most functional exhibit areas will serve as the meeting place for the 13th Baptist World Congress July 8-13 at Stockholm, Sweden.

The building at Alvsjo, about six kilometers (less than five miles) from the center of Stockholm, is St. Erik's Massan. It is part of the St. Erik's Fair Ltd., owned and operated by local authorities and the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce. The Fair was founded in 1943, and moved to its massive new quarters in 1971.

The Massan already has served as the center for great international meetings. The Nobel Prizes were awarded there in 1972. An international biochemical congress met there in 1973. The Church of Jesus Christ held its international congress at the Massan in 1974. In addition, a wide range of Scandinavian meetings and exhibits are scheduled annually.

July's Baptist World Congress, with an estimated 10,000 participants from 80 nations, will be the largest meeting yet held at the Massan. However, the Congress will use less than half the 22,000 square meters (about 71,500 square feet) of available space for its main meeting hall.

Think of these figures to picture the size of the main hall. The width is 72 meters (234 feet), and the length is 225 meters (731 feet). An American football field measures 160 feet wide and 300 feet (Continued On Page 2)



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### Cooperative Gifts Over Budget For 2nd Month

Total Cooperative Program receipts for February in Mississippi through the office of Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, amounted to \$462,019.

The Cooperative Program is the Southern Baptist system of a voluntary unified budget for the purpose of supporting missions operations and their related efforts across the nation and around the world.

The February 1975 receipts were \$23,788 more than for the same

period of 1974. The January 1975 receipts were also ahead of the same period of 1974 by \$37,950, making a total of \$61,738 more in Cooperative Program receipts for 1975 than for the first two months in 1974.

Total receipts for 1975 have been \$1,210,458. This is \$110,458 above the budget figure for the two months of \$1.1 million.

"Such gifts increases mean that Mississippi Southern Baptists see the need for a continued world-wide Christian witnessing program in spite of a declining economy," Dr. Kelly said.

### 13th World Congress

## New People For New World Is Theme For July 8-13

STOCKHOLM—Baptists will review results of a 5-year World Mission of Reconciliation Through Christ evangelism program, and aim for an era of "New People for a New World Through Christ" at the 13th Baptist World Congress here July 8-13.

The Congress' six day program

will feature fellowship among the expected 10,000 delegates from 80 countries, addresses, and several hours of person-to-person discussion on topics of common concern. V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia, USA, Baptist World Alliance president for 1970-75, will preside.

Gerhard Claas, general secretary of the Baptist Union of West Germany and program chairman for the Congress, announced sev-

en persons from six countries as main speakers at the Congress. They include Dr. Hargroves, Penrose St. Amant of Switzerland, Mrs. Ayako Hino of Japan, Masamba ma Mpola of Zaire, Thomas Kilgore of the USA (Los Angeles), C. Ronald Goulding of England, and Erling Oddestad of Sweden.

Evangelist Billy Graham will speak at an open air meeting at Skansen, Stockholm's giant recre-

tional park, in a program planned by Swedish Baptists after the Congress officially closes Sunday noon.

All plenary sessions will be conducted in the English language, with simultaneous translation making it available in five other languages.

The Congress opens Tuesday night July 8 with a roll call of nations and the presidential address by Dr. Hargroves. The daily program, Wednesday through Saturday, will open at 9 a.m. and close with a 7 to 9 p.m. inspirational service. The afternoons will feature discussion and activity by special interest groups.

Since Stockholm has about 20 hours of daylight in July, Swedish hosts are planning late evening music and testimony sessions in the city's parks and other public areas.

A 1500 voice international choir will participate in the plenary sessions. William J. Reynolds of (Continued On Page 2)

## Baptists Urge Religious Liberty In Russia, India

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — Baptist concern for religious liberty dramatically surfaced here March 5 as Baptist representatives visited the Russian and Indian embassies in the United States capital.

Robert S. Denny, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance presented Baptist concerns for religious liberty in Russia and India on behalf of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, the Ohio Baptist Convention (American Baptist) and the Baptist General Conference.

On his visit to the Russian embassy, Denny was accompanied by Joseph L. Chapman, executive minister of the Ohio Convention. Warren Magnuson, general secretary of the Baptist General Conference, and Donald E. Anderson, editor of The Standard, publication of the Baptist General Conference, joined Denny at the Indian embassy.

At the request of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Denny delivered to the Russian embassy a letter from the committee concerning the imprisonment of Georgi Vins, "dissident" Baptist leader in Russia, and the religious liberty for all people in the U.S.S.R. James E.

Wood Jr. is the executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee, maintained by nine Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada.

At the Russian embassy, the Baptists visited with Ikar I. Zav-

raznov, second secretary of the embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, because Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin was out of the country. It was explained that it is not the policy (Continued On Page 2)

## 'Proclamation 76' Dates Established for Revivals

Dates for 'Proclamation 76', which will be a simultaneous revival effort throughout Mississippi, have been established as March 14-28, 1976, in North Mississippi and April 4-18, 1976, in South Mississippi.

The dates were announced by Rev. Roy Collum, director of the Evangelism Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

"The revivals will be promoted on an association basis, and each association will choose its date in the framework relating to its location or as near to it as possible," Rev. Collum said.

Generally the dividing line between north and south will be re-

garded as Interstate 20. Those associations straddling the highway will choose whichever dates suit their purposes best, he indicated.

This nationwide emphasis on revivals during 1976 is sponsored by the Home Mission Board and the Evangelism Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. It ties in with the Southern Baptist Convention's bicentennial observance of the nation's birthday.

Revivals will be in the local churches on an association-wide basis, Rev. Collum indicated. "Helpful information on organizing on an association-wide basis is available from the Evangelism Department," he said.

## FMB Area Secretary Passes In Richmond

RICHMOND (BP) — James D. Belote, area secretary for East Asia for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, died unexpectedly here March 4 of a heart attack. He was 61.

A private graveside service was set March 6 at Richmond's Westhampton Memorial Park followed by a memorial service at Foreign Mission Board headquarters here.

Named to officiate at the memorial service were Baker Cauthen, the board's executive secretary; Winston Crawley, director of the board's overseas division; and James Copeland, pastor of Derbyshire Baptist Church, Richmond, where Belote was a member.

As secretary for East Asia, Belote served as a liaison between the board and missionaries in Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan, Okinawa, Japan and Korea.

Appointed a Southern Baptist missionary in 1940, he was president of Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary in Kowloon and of the Asia Baptist Graduate Theological Seminary in Hong Kong at the time of election as area secretary.

During an earlier leave of absence from his missionary duties (Continued On Page 3)

## Tornado Destroys Church's Building In Little Rock

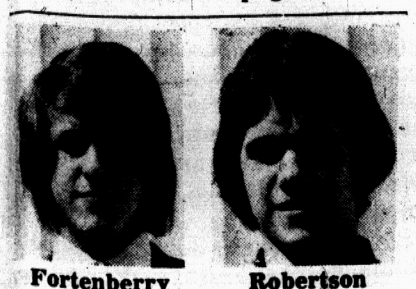
LITTLE ROCK (BP) — Two Baptist churches sustained damage to property as a tornado struck the city, demolishing the building of Crystal Hill Church and hospitalizing the pastor.

Damage resulted also to homes of several Baptists in the area, including that of W. O. Vaught, the pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, and president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The Vaught home is still (Continued on page 2)

## FCC Suggests Ban On 'Visual' Violence, Sex

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), in a report to Congress, has recommended legislation to ban visual depictions of violence or explicit sex from commercial and cable television.

Under existing federal laws, indecent language is barred from broadcasts, but the FCC said it (Continued on page 2)



Fortenberry



Robertson

## Joint Committee Head Reacts To Tax Credit Bill Favoring Gifts

WASHINGTON (BP) — A Pennsylvania congressman reintroduced a measure which could spur giving to churches and other charitable organizations by providing an income tax credit for such gifts.

The proposal drew immediate fire from James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here, who termed the action of Rep. H. John Heinz III (R., Pa.) as "most regrettable."

The Heinz proposal, H. R. 3785, is identical to a bill he introduced last summer which languished in the House Committee on Ways and Means and died with the adjournment of the 93rd Congress in December.

Only the title of the Pennsylvania congressman's bill has changed from that of last year. The new proposal is called the Religious and Charitable Donors' Tax Justice Act.

According to a news release from Heinz' office, the bill would allow a "better tax break" for individuals or families contributing to a wide range of religious and charitable groups. Under the plan,

a person filling an individual income tax form could claim up to \$500 credit against taxes due, while those filing a joint return could write off up to \$1,000. (Continued On Page 2)

## Robertson, Fortenberry Win Keyboard Awards

Rob Robertson of Jackson and Phillip Fortenberry of Columbia were Judges' Trophy winners in the 1975 State Keyboard Festivals sponsored by the Church Music Department and held at Mississippi College.

Announcement of the winners was made by Nan Grantham, coordinator for the festivals.

Robertson was the Judges' Trophy winner in the organ division,

and Fortenberry was the Judges' Trophy winner in the piano division. Miss Joy Tate of Jackson also received a superior rating in the organ division.

Fortenberry was the first student to receive the Proficiency Award plaque given by the Church Music Department. This plaque is presented to a student when he has received a superior rating on (Continued On Page 3)

## Radio-TV Agency To Break Ground For New Facility

The Radio and Television Commission will break ground March 28 for its new television production center in Fort Worth.

Dignitaries participating in the evening ceremonies will include leaders from 25 cities where Radio and Television Commission "Second Step Campaigns" were held (Continued On Page 2)

## Canada, USA Differ In Church-State Approach

By Stan Haste  
WASHINGTON (BP) — A Canadian Baptist leader pointed to major differences between church-state relations in Canada and the United States in an address to the semi-annual session of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here.

The Baptist body also heard its director of research services report that the deductibility of gifts to churches and other charities is not in jeopardy in the foreseeable future. The committee also passed resolutions relating to the right to privacy, equal opportunity and full employment, and the distribution of grain overseas.

The Baptist Joint Committee is a denominational agency in the nation's capital composed of representatives from nine conventions and conferences in the United States and Canada. It is the vehicle used by those groups to "act in the field of public affairs."

Harry A. Renfree, executive minister of the Baptist Union of Western Canada and a representative of the Baptist Federation of Canada on the joint committee, said a major difference in approaching church-state questions in Canada is dictated by the loose-

ly-knit confederation of provinces in that country.

Although the country has a national bond through a prime minister, House of Commons and Senate, each of Canada's 10 provinces is relatively free to forge its own system of government.

As a consequence, the Canadian Baptist leader said, each province chooses its own manner of relating to its school system, resulting in wide differences in church-state patterns. Most Canadian provinces, including Quebec, Ontario, and Nova Scotia, provide tax funds for nonpublic schools, while only two, Manitoba and British Columbia, forbid such aid.

In all 10 of the provinces, however, Bible readings and the recitation of the Lord's Prayer are "either obligatory or permitted," Renfree said.

Renfree also noted that while only three percent of the Canadian population is Baptist, the denomination's impact on public affairs has gone far beyond that proportion.

In another session, the joint committee heard John W. Baker, associate director in charge of research services for the agency say (Continued on page 2)



# Baptists Urge Religious Liberty

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of the Russian embassy in the United States to receive resolutions and protests from private groups in this country. Nevertheless, Mr. Zavrazhnev agreed to read the Baptist communications and to report the visit to the ambassador when he returns.

Denny explained later that the Baptists were received courteously at both the Russian and Indian embassies. The Russian spokesman did not close the door to further discussion but said the possibility exists that they may talk to the Baptist World Alliance around the first of April.

The concern for religious liberty in India expressed by the Baptist General Conference representatives was stimulated by report-

ed persecution of Christians in Arunachal Pradesh, India.

The Indian embassy said that it was unaware of the religious persecutions to which their attention was being called but that it would definitely look into the matter. Trilokinath N. Kaul is the ambassador from India to the United States. An educational and cultural attache at the Indian embassy received the Baptist delegation.

The Ohio Baptist resolution and the letter from the Baptist Joint Committee were triggered by the recent conviction and imprisonment of Vins, secretary of the Council of Churches of Evangelical Christians-Baptists, for violation of certain Soviet laws.

The letter from the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, to the Russian ambassador insisted

upon "religious liberty for all people of all faiths or of no faith in all parts of the world."

"We profoundly lament the abridgment of religious liberty, whether applied to Baptists, Jews, or any other religious bodies," the Baptist Joint Committee wrote. "While we may not be in agreement with all the religious views and practices of particular Baptists or Jews, we defend the right of all people to believe in and practice religion without interference from government. In fact, we believe that one role of government is to guarantee the right of religious liberty of the people rather than to restrict that liberty."

According to reports from India, 37 churches and 25 dwellings have been burned, 74 other dwellings damaged affecting 343 fami-

lies, 53 persons physically assaulted, 16 granaries burned, 162 other granaries destroyed or looted, and 463 head of livestock and 1,273 fowl looted.

The Persecution in Arunachal Pradesh reportedly has been directed solely toward the Christian community.

In its presentation to the Indian embassy, the Baptist General Conference spokesmen pointed out that the Indian Constitution guarantees religious liberty for all the Indian constituency. He appealed to India to protect the religious liberty of the Indian citizens.

The Christians in Arunachal Pradesh are reportedly not the product of missionary activity. Rather, citizens of that state, visiting elsewhere, brought back the Christian message themselves.

## In Little Rock

### Tornado Hits Churches

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livable and they were not injured, according to reports.

Tornadoes, high winds, rains and snow, and ice storms that affected at least five states otherwise caused little other apparent damage to Baptist property the weekend of February 22-23, reports indicated.

Other damage to Baptist property included a broken picture window at the Baptist Book Store in Nashville, due to high winds. And the Olivet Church in Little Rock lost a portable building in the tornado.

Don Hook, the pastor of Crystal Hill Church told the Arkansas Baptist that the church building was a "total loss." No dollar estimate of damages was available.

The church is presently meeting to a nearby elementary school and held its first Sunday services

after the tornado on the church grounds, where they sang hymns and had a season of prayer.

Three staff members of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention reported damage to their homes and property. Mrs. Jeannie Weber, secretary in the convention's Brotherhood department, and her husband, moved out after the tornado lifted the roof and "squashed it back down on the walls." They were in the house at the time, but neither was injured. The homes of Don Cooper, associate in the Arkansas Sunday School department, and of bookkeeper Mrs. Jeannie Breedlove, had minor damage.



#### 1st, Clinton, To Present Southwestern Chorus

First Church, Clinton will present Southwestern Seminary Men's Chorus and Consort Singers in a concert of sacred music on March 17 at 7:30 p.m. This program is open to the public. The two groups are official touring choirs of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. The groups two repertoires will include a representative sampling of sacred music. James McKinney, director of the Men's Chorus is also dean of the School of Church Music at Southwestern. Directing the Consort Singers, a madrigal group, is Jack Coldiron. This program will be presented in the auditorium of First Baptist Church of Clinton.

#### Ban On Visual - - -

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was not certain whether the law applied to visual descriptions.

The FCC report also commended the recent voluntary actions of the ABC, NBC, CBS and the National Association of Broadcasters to set aside 8 to 9 p.m. prime time for family viewing, and to issue a system of warnings to protect children from adult-type programs later in the evening.

Network spokesmen said they would withhold comments until executives were able to study the FCC report, but indicated that the networks were expected to support the ban against indecent visual descriptions.

The FCC report said it received 25,000 complaints about violent or sexually oriented program in 1974. In 1972 only 2,000 complaints were registered with the agency.

## 13th World Congress: New People For New World

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Nashville, USA, will be in general charge of Congress music.

The Congress theme of "New People for a New World Through Christ" is based on 2 Corinthians 2: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; behold all things are become new."

Morning sessions Wednesday through Saturday will open with as many as 40 Bible study groups taught in seven languages (French, Russian, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Swedish and English). The plenary session at mid-

morning will feature a main speaker and two panel discussions gaining international insights on the theme of the day.

Delegates are invited to Swedish homes Friday evening as part of the emphasis on Christian communities.

A registration fee of \$35 for Americans and \$25 for others is charged, and application must be made in advance to the Baptist World Alliance office at 1628 Sixteenth St., N. W., Washington, D. C., USA 20009. Housing space in Stockholm is available also through the Washington office.

#### Radio-Television - - -

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to raise, in cash and pledges, \$3.3 million for the facility.

The new building, expected to be complete sometime in late 1976, will increase the size of the present building by 43,000 square feet on the east and north of the present building.

Dr. Paul M. Stevens, Radio and TV Commission president, said the total complex will provide a professional videotape production center capable of matching in television the Radio-TV Commission's successful work in radio.

"A very important part of the building is designed to serve as a much needed training center for the preparation and training of ministers and laymen in the proper use of the electronic media for spreading the gospel.

"The cost of this wing of the facility has not been fully underwritten," Stevens said.

The total property value, when the new building is completed and furnished, will place the value of the entire Radio-Television Commission facility in excess of \$5 million.

Presently there are more than 100 employees at the Radio-TV Commission.

Cities where campaigns were held included Jackson, Miss.

#### 'MasterControl' Wins Award From Freedom's Foundation

FORT WORTH (BP) — "MasterControl", a half-hour show produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, has received the Freedom's Foundation of Valley Forge 1974 Distinguished Service award for a radio program.

The program submitted for judging featured a July 4 theme and was aired during the week beginning June 30.

## Canada, USA Differ On Church-State

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that a highly placed source on the powerful committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives recently assured him that the day "will never come" when gifts to churches and other charities are not treated as tax deductible.

Baker raised the issue, he said, because of comments made recently to a group of Baptist students by Rep. John B. Conlan (R., Ariz.). Conlan reportedly told the group that pressures are mounting to repeal the provision in the Internal Revenue code which allows such gifts to be deducted from federal income taxes.



#### A Check For Africa

Dr. Earl Kelly, left, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is shown presenting a check on behalf of Agricultural Missions Foundation, Limited to Sidney C. Reber, Director of Management Services Division of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. The check in the amount of \$5,000 is the result of contributions made from individuals who saw AMF's film "Struggle for Survival", on television. The money is to be used to help relieve the suffering in Africa. Anyone interested in showing the film to church or civic groups may obtain a copy by contacting AMF, P. O. Box 1045, Yazoo City, Miss., 39194.

#### Committee Head - - -

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More specifically, the measure would allow a couple giving \$2,000 during a year to subtract \$1,000 from the total tax due the federal government after all other deductions had been claimed.

The present law allows taxpayers to claim gifts to churches and charities as deductions, but not as tax credits.

Wood scored Heinz' failure to recognize distinctions between the nature of tax deductions and tax credits. "In the former," Wood said, "the government recognizes the principle of voluntary contributions for charities and nonprofit institutions, while the latter provides for reimbursement by the state for contributions made to churches and charities."

## Wm. King Self Dies At Marks

William King Self, 56, member of a prominent family at Marks, Miss., and a well known mid-South business man, died of an accidental gun - shot wound, at his home, about 9:30 on the morning of February 16. He is survived by one son.

Mr. Self was a member of First Baptist Church, Marks, and was active in the church and in denominational work. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College and a former member of the Board of Trustees of Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis. Self Hall at Mississippi College is named in honor of this family.

Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church, Marks, with the pastor, Dr. Gordon Sansing, and the pastor emeritus, Dr. Ira D. Evanson, officiating. Burial was in the Marks cemetery.

Speaking concerning Mr. Self, Dr. Evanson said, "Mr. Self was a man of great humanitarian interest, yet a great deal of what he did never reached the human eye. When God's book of remembrance is opened all will see his many helpful deeds and the encouragement he gave his fellow men. We have lost a citizen who cannot be replaced."



#### Salena Found Her Way Out Of The Cold

Salena was certain there was no God. A disastrous marriage, drugs, alcohol, and several suicide attempts led her into total despair.

Then she stumbled across a non-Christian spiritual order. She was taught there is no evil, "that we were all sinless and could do anything as long as it didn't intentionally hurt anyone while doing it," says Salena.

Then she was sent to Taos, N. M., to start a new branch of the order. Out of money and numbed by snow and cold, Salena met Dick Lemaster. A US-2 home missionary, Dick seemed to be the only person who would or could help her. He gave her rides to find work, clothes and food.

"Every time he was there he was speaking of the love of Jesus. Well, I finally consented to read the Bible and do the Bible studies which Dick gave me," she says.

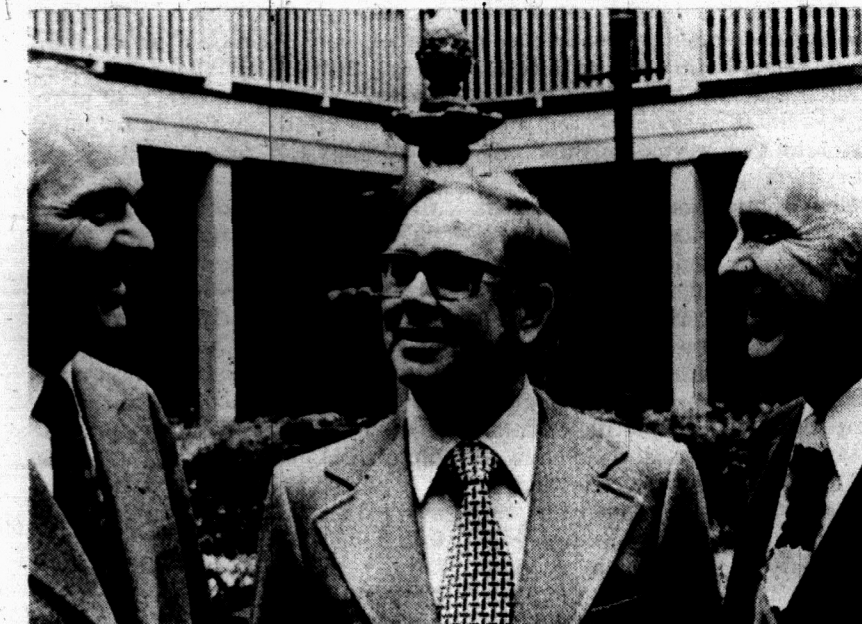
"I've never had such a cold chill as the one that shot up my spine when I came to the realization of the lie I'd been living and of how I'd even been lying to myself."

"I cried and prayed like I'd never prayed before and begged Jesus to forgive me and to please lead me out of the darkness I'd burrowed myself into."

Dick Lemaster adds the footnote: "Salena was baptized a couple of weeks after her conversion, has joined the First Baptist Church and comes to church every time the doors are opened, as well as joining in home Bible studies and rap sessions."

"She has already shared her testimony with many people," he adds, "and has been witnessing to some of her friends, and sharing the love of Jesus Christ with some of those who are in her old order."

Southern Baptists across the nation share in daily ministries of 2,200 home missionaries through their support of the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.



#### Executives' Officers

Officers for 1975-76 of the Baptist state executive secretaries' group are: (from left) President Roy D. Gresham, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Convention of Maryland; Vice-President A. Harold Cole, general secretary-treasurer of the General Board of South Carolina Baptist Convention; and Secretary Joe L. Ingram, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. The state executives' group met recently in Mobile, Ala. (BP) Photo by W. C. Fields

#### Home Missions In New Jersey

The Cooperative Program is truly the life line of our home mission work in New Jersey. The nation's most densely populated state is less than two percent Baptist. Southern Baptists have been at work in the northern half, the most densely populated area, of our state for only a little over a decade. The 24 churches and a dozen chapels in northern New Jersey have all been possible through Cooperative Program funds. Our small numbers can sometimes touch large numbers. For instance, in 1974 our 25 member Chapel had 910 enrolled in Vacation Bible School and Backyard Bible Clubs.

The Cooperative Program made possible plans for a Sunday School growth campaign for our association in 1975. The ninety congregations in our association (which includes northern New Jersey, western Connecticut and New York City and the surrounding towns) have 20,000,000 prospects. The need is overwhelming. The work is hard. Growth is sometimes agonizingly slow. Multitudes are without Christ. In this area where many churches are losing ground and some are closing their doors, Southern Baptists are getting a foothold. And considering the trends for most groups, we have had phenomenal advance. Considering the multitudes, we are compelled to minister. The Cooperative Program makes possible that ministry. Duane Ivey South Morrmouth Baptist Chapel Neptune, New Jersey.

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long. The ceiling is 20 meters high (65 feet), over the stage area to permit the exhibition of full masted from the central station of Stockholm. An underground, if need be, and 10 meters (32.5 feet) over the ground train system fans out from the central station to all of the city. The parking lot at the Massan connection with European Highway 4 and adjacent to the Alvsjo train station, which is nine minutes from the central station of Stockholm. An underground, if need be, and 10 meters (32.5 feet) over the ground train system fans out from the central station to all of the city. The parking lot at the Massan connection with European Highway 4 and adjacent to the Alvsjo train station, which is nine minutes from the central station of Stockholm. An underground, if need be, and 10 meters (32.5 feet) over the ground train system fans out from the central station to all of the city. 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# One Layman's View Of His Associational Missionary

Rev. Ervin Brown observed his 13th anniversary on March 1, as director of missions for DeSoto Association. He began this work March 1, 1962, after five years as pastor at Eudora and three years at Nesbit. J. G. Allen, layman from First Church, Horn Lake, has expressed his own feelings about his associational missionary. He said, "Brother Brown is not only proving himself to be a good Baptist leader in DeSoto County, but is always interested in any project that will promote the cause of Christ. He is a very modest, multi-talented man, like yeast, silently working to get things done. He has a unique way of using his leadership and ingenuity to complete some hard task and then using the expression, 'We did it.'"

"He has that dedicated ability to inspire and motivate churches and individuals in the Lord's work, to coordinate their efforts and to strive for the same goals." When Mr. Brown was called to the association, there were 16 rather small churches with only five pastors living on the field. Now the association has 28 churches and another to become a full member this fall. "When Memphis began to spill over into DeSoto County," Mr. Allen recalls, "Mr. Brown and his co-workers had visions of a great church field to be developed. Through their careful planning and creative abilities, missions and new churches were estab-

lished. Usually Mr. Brown would be mission pastor until a pastor could be called. Thus, he helped churches to get well organized and grounded for future growth." For meeting places for the missions, four mobile chapels were bought, three mobile trailers and one tent. Several of these moved from time to time to begin new work; thus the productivity of the association, to care for spiritual needs of the new people moving into the country was greatly increased. Mr. Allen continued, "Brother Brown has endeared himself to his people with his dedicated Christian character and empathy toward all in need of Christian

counsel. He is a wonderful 'pinch-hitter' in any capacity where the regular leadership may be absent. Then too, his ability as a successful evangelist and a consistent soul winner must never be overlooked. "Under his leadership, the association has developed an associational camp, Camp Bluff Springs. Also, a very nice building has been constructed for the mission office. And recently a house has been purchased for use of foreign missionaries on leave. "I want to emphasize the importance of prayer for Mr. Brown and his wife, who now serves as the office secretary, and who often assists in starting new missions. As we pray for these and all their co-workers, as they seek to face the challenge of this area, we know DeSoto Baptist Association can be one of DeSoto County's greatest assets."



Press Officers

New officers for the Southern Baptist Press Association are: (from front) President C. Eugene Whitlow, editor of the Baptist New Mexican; President-elect Hudson Baggett, editor of the Alabama Baptist; and Secretary R. G. Puckett, editor of the Maryland Baptist. The association, which met recently in Mobile, Ala., is the organization of Southern Baptist state paper editors. (BP) Photo by W. C. Fields

## Expand Pioneer Area Work Say Student Directors

JACKSON, Miss. (BP) — Greater support through resources and personnel of student work in so-called pioneer areas of Southern Baptists were asked for in a statement by the Association of Southern Baptist Student Directors meeting here in mid-February. The organization of state student directors noted that where there is the greatest number of students in America, Southern Baptist student work is in the minority. Named president of the organization was Jon Appleton, Alabama campus ministry director. The next meeting of the ASBSD is set for Denver, Colo., Feb. 8-11, 1976. Wendell J. Foss of California was named President-elect, and Edward E. Storm, Jr. of New Mexico was elected secretary-treasurer.

## Keyboard Winners - -

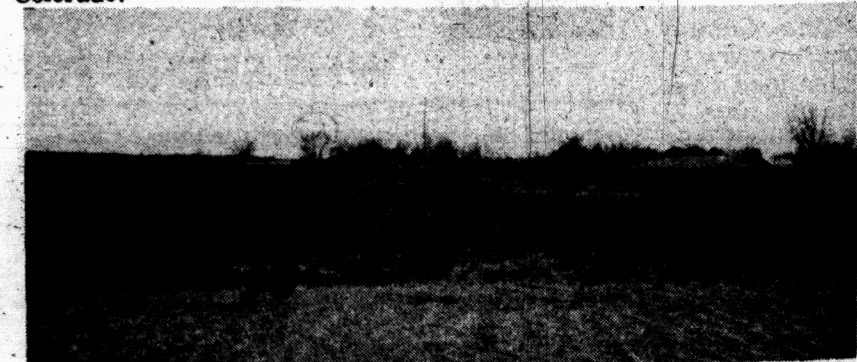
(Continued From Page 1) each of five special keyboard skills. These are accompanying, sight reading, transposition, modulation, and classical selection. This is in addition to the hymn-playing requirements for the most advanced category. Receiving honorable mention in the piano division were Frances Jones of McComb, Barbara Smith of Greenville, Melanie Pittman of Hattiesburg, and Jamie Lincoln of Charleston. Other superior winners were Deborah Taylor of Moss Point, Donna Raddin of Greenville, Kathy Forbus of Greenville, Dennis Brooks of Baldwin, Twila Webb and Patti Pierce of Meridian, Dawn Grant of Gulfport, and Elaine Davis of Cleveland.

## FMB Area - - -

(Continued From Page 1) ies, he was professor of missions, comparative religions and evangelism at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, 1964 to 1967. While in Hong Kong, he was pastor of two churches for five years, advisory pastor for four others, chairman of the Hong Kong - Macao Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) for two years and a member of the executive committee of the Hong Kong Baptist Association. Originally, Belote was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board for service in China. During World War II he was pastor of Wahiawa Baptist Church, Oahu, Hawaii. He reached China in 1947, studied language in Canton, and did evangelistic work in Southern China for several years. In 1950 he transferred to Hong Kong, where he did evangelistic work until he joined the seminary faculty as president and professor in 1952. A native of Washington, D. C., Belote studied at George Washington University there and at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He was graduated from Wheaton (Ill.) College with the bachelor of arts degree, from Columbia (S.C.) Bible College with the master of theology degree and from New Orleans Seminary with the doctor of theology degree. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Martha Bigham Belote; two sons, James D. Belote, Jr. of Houghton, Mich., and Theodore C. Belote of Richmond; and three daughters, Mrs. Virginia Francis Henry of New Orleans, Mrs. Martha Carolyn Roberts of Louisville, and Miss Linda Anne Belote of Richmond.



American Legion Hall where church has been meeting in Wiggins, Colorado.



Lot where new building will be erected for Summit Baptist Church, Wiggins, Colorado.



Four pastors instrumental in the formation of the new Summit Baptist Church are Rev. Wayne Spencer, former Mississippian from Greenwood and presently pastor of the Eads, Colorado Baptist Church; Rev. Bill Austin, area missionary of the Platte Valley Association who preached at the charter service and will serve as interim pastor of the new church; Rev. Harry Kennedy, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Fort Morgan, Colorado, and former mission pastor; and Rev. Larry W. Fields, pastor of First Church, Summit, Mississippi.

## Close Bond Between Two Congregations

# New Church In Colorado Is Named For First Church, Summit, MS

One of the newest Baptist churches in the Southern Baptist Convention is the Summit Baptist Church of Wiggins, Colorado. The Summit name was selected by the members of the Wiggins Baptist Mission because of their close association and friendship with the members of First Baptist Church of Summit, Mississippi. Rev. Larry W. Fields, pastor, and Frank Singleton, chairman of deacons of First Church, Summit, Mississippi flew to Colorado February 11, to participate in the charter service for the new church at Calvary Church, Fort Morgan, Colorado. The Mississippians presented gifts from their church and from the College and Career Class as well. Members have made a commitment to pay for the pulpit, pulpit furniture and communion table. The College and Career Class from Summit, Mississippi will give the Communion Service and the collection plates. Summit members will support the building fund beyond the costs of these gifts. The mission was started in March of 1973 by the Calvary Church of Fort Morgan. Calvary pastor Harry Kennedy also became pastor of the mission. The people from Summit, Mississippi became involved in this pioneer mission work in 1973 when the College and Career Class of First Church shared two weeks of

their summer vacation in ministry. They were invited to conduct Bible schools and a revival at the mission. In the following year, 1974, the College and Career Class returned to conduct the Bible School, teach in Bible Studies, provide youth recreation and witness for Christ at the mission. A close bond of Christian love developed between the Colorado and Mississippi Christians. Members to the mission were added by letter and profession of faith during both visits. The Mission recently applied to be chartered and become a self-supporting Southern Baptist church. They adopted a \$15,000.00 budget and voted to associate with the Platte Valley Baptist Association, the Colorado Baptist General Convention and the SBC. They also adopted the name, Summit Baptist Church of Wiggins, Colorado. Summit, Mississippi First Baptist pastor Larry Fields summed up the feelings of his members by stating, "This gesture on their part demonstrates the closeness and Christian love we have for one another. I guess you could say we have adopted one another." The new church has elected a Pulpit Committee and are currently seeking their first pastor. They will continue to meet in the American Legion Hall in Wiggins until completion of their new building in the spring.

Rev. Harry Kennedy, pastor of Calvary Church, Fort Morgan, states, "There is no doubt that the hand of our Lord has rested heavily upon this work. We have seen this work start from a Mission VBS in 1973 with the help of a youth group from First Church of Lockney, Texas, continuing for two summers with a dedicated College and Career Class from First Church of Summit, Mississippi. This devotion has helped tremendously and now that work is the first organized church in Colorado for 1975! Without the leadership of Pastor Larry Fields and the class teacher, Mrs. Wesley Soape, this could not have been so successful. "It has become my deepest conviction that such commitment by others in our Convention is what it is going to take to do this tremendous work the Lord has called Southern Baptists into. It is also my prayer to see a tremendous response from our churches to become more directly involved as the people at Summit, Mississippi have. It will revolutionize the mission vision of our people! "Then, instead of new work struggling to exist with a poor public witness and sacrificing pastors and their families, there will be solid work without the financial burdens of building under the construction costs of today!"



Bob Byrum, center, moderator of the new Summit Baptist Church of Wiggins, Colorado, receives gifts from friends at First Church, Summit, Mississippi. Representing the Mississippi church are Frank Singleton, left, chairman of deacons and Rev. Larry W. Fields, right, pastor.

# Where The Wind Blows The Cooperative Program Goes

By G. Barry Landrum, Pastor First Church, Greenville Text: Genesis 8:1

THE WINDS OF MARCH remind us of what an important place the "wind" has in the Scriptures in both literal and figurative terminology. The "four winds" denote limits of distance or direction, the "south wind" helps growth, and it was the "west wind" that blew away the plague of locusts when Pharaoh momentarily recanted after refusing to let the Children of Israel go. God's judgment is sometimes said to be borne on the destroying wind, a scorching wind, a scattering wind, etc. But the first mention in the Bible of the word "wind" is found in the 8th chapter of Genesis.

GOD'S JUDGMENT HAD COME upon a wicked world, the flood destroyed all except Noah and those in the ark with him, and the earth was covered with water 150 days. Then the Bible gives us a beautiful revelation of God's faithfulness toward those who trust Him as it succinctly states, "And God remembered Noah... and made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters (of judgment) asswaged." (Gen. 8:1)

## R. G. Lee To Preach Dedication Sermon At Immanuel Church, Columbus, March 16

Dr. R. G. Lee, pictured, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Church, Memphis, and world-renowned preacher, will preach the dedication sermon during the dedication service of the new educational and recreation building for Immanuel Church, Columbus, on Sunday, March 16, at 3 p.m.

LIKE A FLOOD OVER THE EARTH the burden of sin's guilt rolls its dark billows of hopelessness over fallen mankind, surrounding him on all sides by a violent, sin-cursed world. It is through the various agents made possible by the support of Southern Baptists who "care and share" through the Cooperative Program that the Gospel is spread as "a wind that passes over the earth" to bring gladdened hearts the Good News that "The Gift of

## Revival Dates

First, Summit: March 16-21; Dr. Joe McKeever, First, Columbus, evangelist; James Bickham, East McComb, music director; Ronnie McCall, Montgomery (Lincoln), music director (mornings); Sunday 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; Rev. Larry W. Fields, pastor. Calvary, 1208 Hardy St. Hattiesburg: March 16-21; Rev. Jerry Mixon, Petal, evangelist; George Maddox, Petal, singer; services 7 p.m.; Rev. Emmitt Boone, pastor. Bethel (Rankin): March 19-23; youth revival; 7:30 p.m., week nights; Rev. Marcus Alexander, pastor First, Flowood, evangelist; Doug Polk, singer; Rev. Elton Moore, pastor.

God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." AS A WIND THAT PASSES OVER THE EARTH, the Cooperative Program is the vehicle used of God to form a fellowship of sharing so that each of us through the grace of giving might have a part in the financial support necessary in order for these agents of our denomination to make known the forgiveness of sins through Christ's finished work on the cross. And God in His faithfulness to His Son, and love for the world, REMEMBERS and for all who believe the waters of judgment are asswaged.

WHAT ARE THESE AGENTS WHICH ARE MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIVING? There are over 5,000 missionaries at home and 81 other countries of the world proclaiming Jesus Christ "The Way, the Truth and the Life." The Good News is carried out over 4,000 radio and television stations per week. Enrollment in our six seminaries is at an all-time high, preparing men and women to move out across the world, sounding out the glad tidings, "Jesus paid it all."

WHY IS IT NECESSARY FOR SOUTHERN BAPTISTS TO DO ALL OF THESE THINGS? First, it is obedient to God. It is God's plan. It was God who gave the Great Commission. It is God's Holy Word that says, "Go ye... to all nations." Secondly, God in His goodness chose to use weak and imperfect men to work in an exciting, adventuresome partnership with Him to bring men to a knowledge of the free gift of heaven.

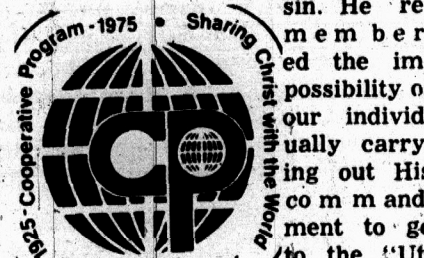
Recently news came from the university in Jerusalem that their research had resulted in a silicone based chemical that can be sprayed over the desert places of Israel so that the top layer of the minute particles of soil would become coated and prevent it from forming a crust. This allows all the moisture that falls to soak into the uncrusted ground instead of running off the slopes. At the

same time, the coated top layer acts as a blanket of insulation to prevent evaporation by the arid climate. Thus, another development in making the "desert bloom." But the plus of this process is that weeds cannot infest the soil when their seeds dry and scatter, for only those seeds that are carefully placed underneath the coated top layer will root. God chose to use individuals to personally plant the seeds of the gospel so that many which would have fallen on "stony ground," or would have been "eaten by the fowls of the air" might be carefully placed below the superficial layer into the good soil where they may take root. And through the Cooperative Program we are there in person — on the field or portraying the Truth in word and picture over the airways.

YES, AND GOD REMEMBERED... He remembered the lost world under the judgment of sin. He remembered the impossibility of our individually carrying out His command to go to the "uttermost parts of the world." God remembered, and in May 1925, He inspired Southern Baptists to adopt "one of the great charters of their destiny, the Cooperative Program." For 50 years it has been one of God's most effective vehicles, "a wind that passes over the earth." God made it possible, even easy, for us to respond to His command in obedient faith and love. When we Care and Share through our Cooperative Program that others may go in our stead, we become a part of that wind that spreads over the earth to bring man's greatest eternal good, God's greatest eternal glory, and our greatest eternal rewards and joy. Then our hearts will sing with the Psalmist, "O, Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together" (Ps 34:3).

## Richard Hogue Crusade Mar. 16-21 In Pascagoula

The Richard Hogue Crusade March 16-21 in War Memorial Stadium, Pascagoula, is being sponsored by Jackson County Baptist Association. A nursery will be provided nightly at Fairview Church. There will be separate services each night for children, in grades 1, 2, and 3, as well as for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. Conducted at Calvary Church, Rev. Byron Mathis, pastor. These programs will involve the use of puppets, ventriloquism, and special music. Darcy Hodges, team soloist and song leader, will be emceeing the services. Hodges has traveled with the Hogue team full-time for over five years. Dove, a contemporary soft-rock group, will be featured each night. For those who enjoy "foot-tapping" Gospel music, there will be the Mahoney Sisters, (ages 12, 15, 17). Dr. James Mahoney will conduct Bible Study 10-11 a.m., Monday - Friday, at First Church, Pascagoula. Mahoney, author of Journey Into Fullness, will teach on the "Victorious Christian Life." The crusade services begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly.





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## EDITORIAL

### How A Mighty Agency Grew

The Sunday School Board of the Southern Convention today is one of the largest publishers of church curriculum materials in the world, although when the board was established by Southern Baptists in 1891 there were many who questioned whether it could even survive. Despite this, it has grown stronger with each passing year, and today is one of the great Christian publishing institutions of the nation. How did this come about?

Three factors explain the tremendous growth of this institution. First has been its relationship to a Christian body which has had continuous growth, and is today the largest evangelical denomination in the nation. As the publishing arm of the Southern Baptist Convention the Sunday School Board has grown along with the convention.

A second factor of growth of the board has been its leadership. Strong men have been at the helm of the Sunday School Board from its very beginning. Southern Baptists will ever be grateful to God for Dr. J. M. Frost, out of whose great heart was conceived the plan for the board, and whose dedication and sacrificial, tireless service guided it through its early years. Dr. Frost actually served two terms as Executive Secretary of the Board coming first in 1891 and after eighteen months, resigning to become pastor of First Church, Nashville, Dr. T. P. Bell served as Secretary for three years, with Dr. Frost serving as president of the board, and thus, still having much to do in its leadership. Dr. Frost was called to return as Secretary in 1896 and remained in that position until his death in 1916. Thus he actually led the board from its birth until it had become a great institution.

Dr. Frost was followed as Secretary by Dr. I. J. Van Ness who had been with the board as editorial secretary since 1900. Under his executive leadership from 1917 to 1934 the institution "strengthened its stakes" and expanded its ministry. He was an able leader and saw continued advance, even in times of adversity.

In 1935 the first of the triad of Mississippians who have filled the position of Executive Secretary, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, came to direct its affairs. He led the board to set as

its purpose to "carry from the steps of the Sunday School Board building to the last church all that we have come to know about Sunday School and Training Union methods." How effectively he was able to lead the board in doing that is seen in the tremendous advance Southern Baptists made in the eighteen years of his leadership.

In 1953 the second Mississippian came to the leadership of Southern Baptist's publishing agency. Already the twenty-two "Sullivan Years" have been told. They have been tremendous years, with enlargement, expansion, and development in every area of the board's work.

In 1975, when Dr. Sullivan stepped down, God had still another Mississippian, Dr. Grady Cothen, prepared and ready. Already he is at the helm of the agency, and the prospects for its future ministry look glorious indeed. As we look at all of these men, and also consider the mighty force of other leaders they gathered a round them, we see how great a factor leadership has been in the phenomenal growth of the board's work.

Yet there is a third, and perhaps the very foundational factor. It is that the ministry of the Sunday School Board has had a Bible based, Bible centered purpose.

Writing concerning the founding of the board, Dr. P. E. Burroughs in his book "Fifty Fruitful Years" said, "The Baptists of the country had accepted the Bible as the authoritative guide. Baptists had come and grown through a constant reliance upon the Scriptures. Their beliefs and their practices came from the Word of God. They declared constantly that if they held anything which could be shown to be contrary to the Book they would forthwith discard it; that if there were anything which they did not hold which could be found in the Scriptures they would immediately incorporate it into their system. To the Bible they made their constant appeal. Had not the Bible alone brought to their ranks Luther Rice and Adoniram Judson from the Congregationalists, and Richard Fuller from the Episcopalians, and Daniel Marshall from the Presbyterians along with a host of others? Surely there were good reasons why the

Baptist leaders and Baptist people should magnify the school in which the Bible was taught."

Leaders of the board have, from the very beginning, followed that Southern Baptist stand concerning the Bible. They have kept its publication programs and its entire ministry centered about the Bible as the Word of God.

This spirit of belief in and loyalty to the Bible was enunciated by Dr. Sullivan in his first report to the Southern Baptist Convention in 1955. Among other things, he said, "It is with a zealous love for the Bible as God's Word, and a deep belief in humanity's need for the Christian message in the world today, that I pledge my best self in utmost devotion to the tasks which have been assigned me by the Board and the Convention. . . . As the Sunday School Board continues to grow, it is my prayer and determined hope that it will never lose its love or personal touch and that it will never veer from the truth either to the right or to the left. To keep its program properly related and Bible centered is a pledge we now make to Southern Baptists." As we survey the mighty ministry of the board under Dr. Sullivan's leadership we see how faithfully he adhered to that pledge.

And now we hear the voice of the new leader, and he clearly sounds the same message. Speaking at the time of his inauguration, Dr. Cothen said, "The Sunday School Board stands on the Scripture. We have nowhere else to stand, but may I suggest to you that we do not see it our duty to debate about it (the Scriptures) nor to fight about it. We see it our duty to expound it, to expose it, to exegesis it, to teach it, to preach it, to proclaim it. I find no reasons to change in my mind or in my heart that which my parents taught me when yet I was a child: the Holy Bible is the inspired word of God."

Thus we see three factors that have built a mighty institution. A God blessed denomination, God called and God-used leaders, and a ministry and program based upon God's Word. What more is needed to build mightily in the spiritual realm?

## THE BAPTIST FORUM

### Interim Pastor To Be Needed On Guam

Dear Editor:

I am a Southern Baptist missionary serving on Guam, pastoring an English speaking church. Our plans are to go on furlough January, 1976, for four months. The Foreign Mission Board does not secure us any interim pastor for such a short period of time, due to all the expenses involved. The Mission Board does request that we follow their guide lines in securing a pastor for English speaking work on the mission field.

Therefore, I would like to request that you print our request for an interim pastor on Guam, emphasizing the four month period. Listed below are items of interest that would help a pastor in making such a decision:

1. Couple—no children. (Because of the expense involved in supporting a family.)
2. Round-trip air fare provided.
3. House, car, utilities, gas provided.
4. Retired couple is best because of their retirement income.
5. If no retirement income, salary will consist of food allowance only. On Guam this would be between \$200 and \$300 a month for a couple.

This is primarily a military church, though we do have Koreans, Filipinos, Chinese, and Guamanians, also. When we came to Guam in July, 1973, this Mission Church was having only 40-50 in attendance and now we are over the 200 mark.

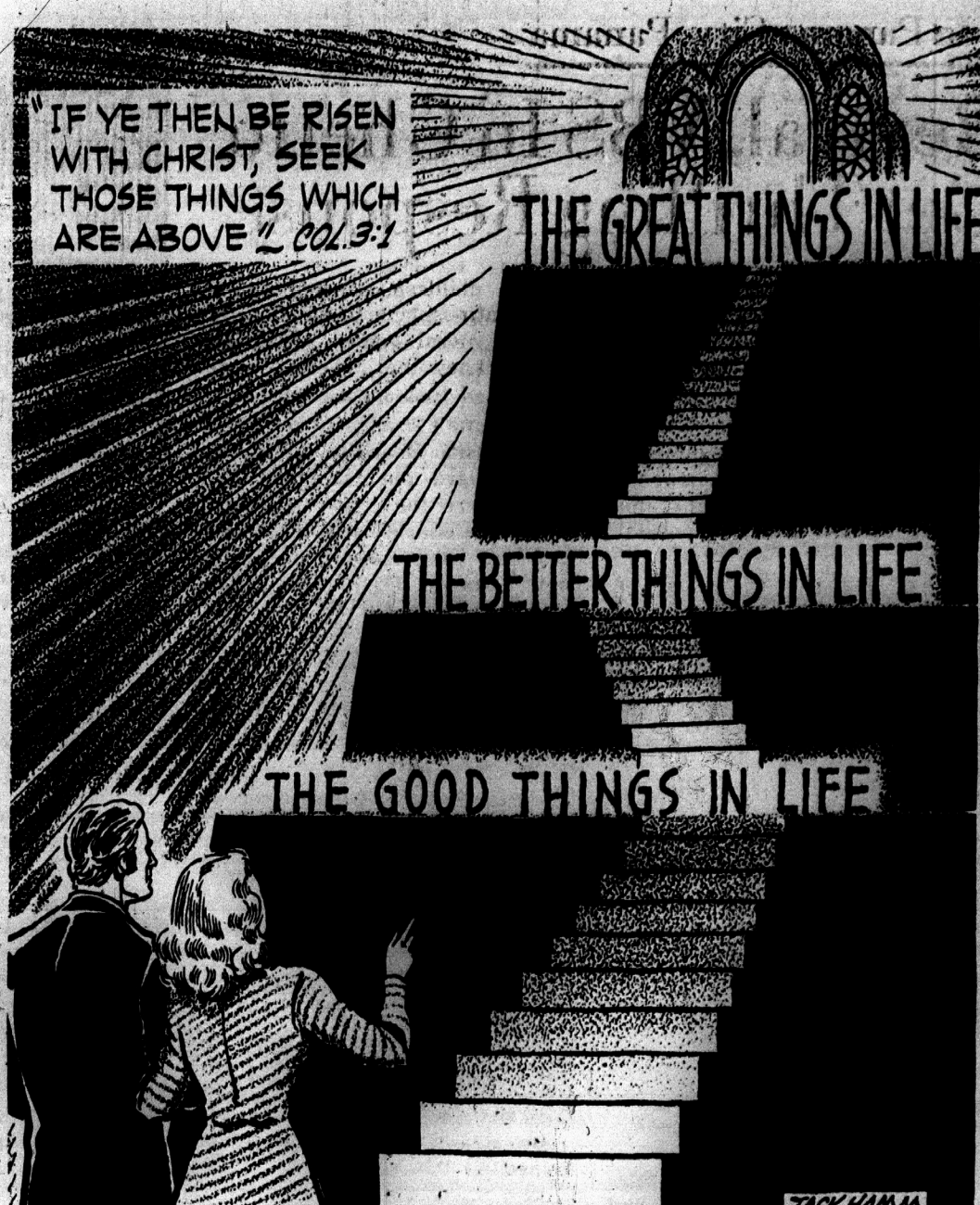
Please have all response mailed to: Eugene Grubbs, C.O. Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23230.

John C. Calhoun, Pastor, Tamuning Baptist Church, Agaña, Guam, 96910

### Expresses Disapproval Of Television Programs

Dear Dr. Odle:

During the last year I have been partially confined in bed. As a consequence I have been seeing more television programs. From watching these programs I have come to realize how many



## WHY SETTLE FOR LESS

pornographic scenes and words all generations see and hear.

There is wide-open liquor and beer advertisement, as though it were the "in-thing to do." Children of young age will stop playing to watch a commercial advertisement even though they are not watching the particular program. We are all well aware of the results of drinking in any form. For example, alcohol harms the brain by destroying brain cells, according to scientific knowledge. It also harms the liver and stomach. The drinker behind the wheel of an automobile driving on any road is a public high-risk driver to other people driving on that same road.

Pornographic literature implants in young minds a flippancy toward marriage and demoralizes the soundness of marriage as instituted by God. It also leads young people into abnormal sexual behavior. Such literature also stimulates drives within the human body that lead to sexual crimes.

After much prayer, concern and consideration I have come to the conclusion that we must take a stand on these issues as given above. Being one little fish in the pond I can not do any more than write my legislators and the broadcasting companies. Therefore, I am writing this letter to you and in doing so I pray that every one of our pastors will encourage the members of their churches each to write the broadcasting companies and their legislators and tell them of their personal objection to what their children are seeing and hearing in pornographic words and actions and the use of alcoholic beverage as the thing to do. (Please do not use mimeographed letters.)

I believe that we who are Southern Baptists can band together in this cause and turn the destiny of our nation back to Jesus Christ our Lord and the principles for which he stands.

Faye W. Farmer  
"The Farmer's Wife"

P.S. My husband, Charles R. Farmer, is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shelby, Mississippi.

## On The MORAL SCENE...

Alcohol Advertising and Federal Subsidies — Our current tax system allows for business tax deductions for the advertising of liquor. . . . It certainly seems ridiculous . . . that we should allow a sizeable tax incentive to an industry which spends \$247 million annually in portraying alcohol as the stepping stone to the "good life." In a nation where the estimated yearly economic cost is nearly \$25 billion, we need fewer people as a part of this "good life." Public intoxication accounts for one-third of all arrests each year. . . . One-half of all homicides and one-third of all suicides are related to the use of alcohol. . . . Alcohol plays an important part in one-half of all the highway fatalities each year.

By William F. Goodling in Congressional Record p. E 356, February 4, 1975  
Costs of the Arms Race — The modern arms race, in which the United States is far and away the front runner, is a curious phenomenon. Over an average lifetime, each of us will have contributed four to five years' livelihood in support of it. . . . According to calculations of the Center for Defense Information, the United States alone has a nuclear arms stockpile equivalent to 615,000 Hiroshimas. The global stockpile represents more than 15 tons of TNT for every man, woman and child on earth. . . . In budgetary terms, the world's outlay for national military forces in dollar equivalents now exceeds \$240 billion. . . . the military budget. . . consumes more tax revenue than is spent in the world for the education of all children of school age, more than one billion of them. It is twice governments' total annual expenditures for the health care of a world population of almost four billion

**Light for Living**  
Chester E. Swor

### You Are Important!

Some years ago in my city, an elementary school teacher was chosen to the great honor of "Elementary School Teacher of the Year" on a national basis. The statement which won the honor for her was submitted by one of her pupils, and here is the statement he made: "She made me feel important, like I was somebody."

Through the years, the impact of that splendid teacher upon that pupil has remained. Now, after graduation from high school and university, he is happy and successful in his profession, busy with making other people feel important — to use his elementary school expression, "Like they were somebody."

Regardless of the position in life which our world may accord us, all of us can justifiably feel important when we recall that God knows us by name, that he has every hair of our heads numbered, and that he is keenly interested in even the smallest details, concerns, and hopes of our lives. When we recall that God knows when each sparrow falls, we are aware that, since we are of so much greater worth than sparrows, we must be of greater importance to God. As the Psalmist said: "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him. . . . For thou has made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and with honor."

If you've been feeling unimportant, unwanted, unnecessary — or just plain "low" — let the assurance of your individual importance to God lift you up to a new erectness and confidence in keeping with that importance. Though we shall never understand or "get over" the amazement involved, let's ponder the realization that if anyone of us had been the only one needing salvation, God would have sent his Beloved Son — just for you or for me! If that doesn't make a discouraged soul "perk up" and be glad, nothing will!

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. . . The US rates first militarily, but it is fourth among 132 nations in public expenditures per capita for education, fifth in health care. . . . it is 12th in number of teachers relative to its school-age population, 17th in physicians relative to total population, 13th in infant mortality rates. — By Ruth Leger Sivard in The New Republic, Feb. 4 & 11, 1975

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## NEWEST BOOKS

**AFTER THE SPIRIT COMES** by Jack E. Taylor (Broadman, 130 pp., \$3.95) Jack Taylor, widely used Southern Baptist preacher, writer and evangelist, presents another book in his series on the Holy Spirit. The first was *The Key to Triumphant Living*, which revealed the place of the Holy Spirit in the Christian Life. This was followed by *More, Victory Over the Devil and One Home Under God*. Each book brought forth new truths on the work of the Spirit in Christian lives. Now this new book goes further. It discusses problems which come to the Christian who is seeking to live a Spirit led life. Using experiences of Spirit filled men in the Bible the author makes clear application to our modern lives. Included are experiences of Joseph, Peter, Elijah, Rehoboam, Moses, Daniel and others. This should be a tremendously helpful book to those who are seeking to walk in the Spirit, and find that there still are problems along the way.

**THE DAY OF THE LION** by J. A. Motyer (InterVarsity, 208 pp., paper, \$3.95) A commentary on the book of Amos. This subtitle is "Prophet in an era of affluence." The author is an English scholar and educator. He presents Amos as a prophet, who, in a time of affluence, political strength, national stability and expansion, saw a society and a church "on its last legs." Moreover, he was a prophet who dared to speak what he saw and felt. An incisive, word for word, paragraph by paragraph commentary which will help the preacher to preach, and the Bible student to understand, the ministry and message of this prophet of long ago.

**STUDIES IN GALATIANS** by A. M. Overton (The Challenge Press, Little, Ark., paper, \$1.50, 80 pp.) Reprint of a book of simple, verse-by-verse studies of Paul's letter to the churches of Galatia have been given many times by the author in his regular pastoral preaching, in revival meetings, and over "The Bible School of the Air." The author was a Mississippi Baptist pastor who died a number of years ago.

**UNDERSTANDING SUFFERING** by B. W. Woods (Baker, paper, 176 pp., \$2.45) Many Christians have an inadequate view of suffering and need a broadened perspective to successfully cope with it. From a rich Biblical perspective, this book helps to meet that need.

**OPEN WINDOWS FOR CATHOLICS AND OTHER CHRISTIANS** by Stanley E. Anderson. (Challenge Press; Author, 1300 Tyler Lane, Elgin, Ill., 60120; 148 pp., paper, \$2.50) Pope John XXIII said "Let us open some windows and let fresh air into the church." Dr. Anderson takes him at his words, and takes a look through 95 windows in the Catholic Confession of Faith, the New Testament, to show Roman Catholics and others the truth of the New Testament teaching concerning teachings of Roman Catholicism which often are contrary to their own Bible. Here is the truth about Repentance, Mary, Saints, Salvation, Peter, the Church, Baptism, the Lord's Supper (Mass), etc. Dozens of subjects are studied in a question and answer study, book by book in the New Testament. This will be a splendid handbook for helping Catholics and others understand the true teachings of the Bible.

**SIMMER DOWN, SAINT** by Jody Woerner (Whitaker, paper, 187 pp., \$1.25) This is written for the Christian, to help him avoid many of the common potholes and pitfalls of life. In brief, amusing pet talks the author teaches an old but much-needed discipline: that of letting go and letting God.

**CHURCH SECRETARY'S PORTFOLIO, VOL. I** by John A. Ishee (Convention, paper, 24 pp.) This is the first portfolio in the Church Secretary's Personal Enrichment Program. The main purpose of this workbook and its accompanying tape is to explore the ministry of the church secretary. The author is interested in helping the church secretary see her job as a calling from God in which she can express her God-given talent to minister to people in Jesus' name.

**THE LIBERATION OF PLANET EARTH** by Hal Lindsey (Zondervan, 236 pp., paper, \$2.95) The author of the widely read books *The Great Late Planet Earth* and related volumes talks about the bondage of sin and the deliverance through Jesus Christ. Written in the same rapid fire presentation that is found in the other books. Readers will find here the story of how men may be delivered from the shackles of sin.



# Revival, VBS In Ghetto Get Thrilling Response

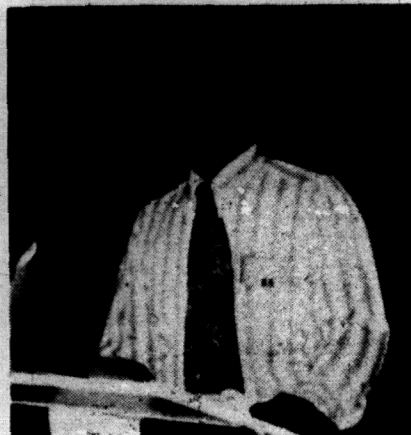
By Anne Washburn McWilliams

**Eighth and Last in a Series**  
The Liberian freighter was lowered 54 feet at Miraflores Locks and began its glide past the Balboa harbor, underneath the Bridge of the Americas, and out into the Pacific. In Panama, the temperature was 91 degrees, hotter than any December 7 I could remember.

With Missionaries Ervin and Ruth Hastey, I left the Balboa Canal Zone, crossed Fourth of July Avenue and walked a half block to the Chorrillo Baptist Mission. In this old section of Panama City, near the waterfront, the streets are lined with unpainted two-story wooden buildings, many with balconies, some with shutters, and all with an almost unbelievable number of inhabitants.

"Thousands of children and adults live in this ghetto," Mr. Hastey said. "Chorrillo is predominantly black, but there are many Latins, too."

"There's crime here — dope, alcohol, gambling," Mrs. Hastey added. Sellers of lottery tickets stood on every corner. "It's hard



Vivian Wilson, lay pastor of Chorrillo Baptist Mission in Panama City, Panama.

for the children growing up in such an atmosphere to have a sense of moral values." Without asking, I knew that poverty was a real part of that scene, too.

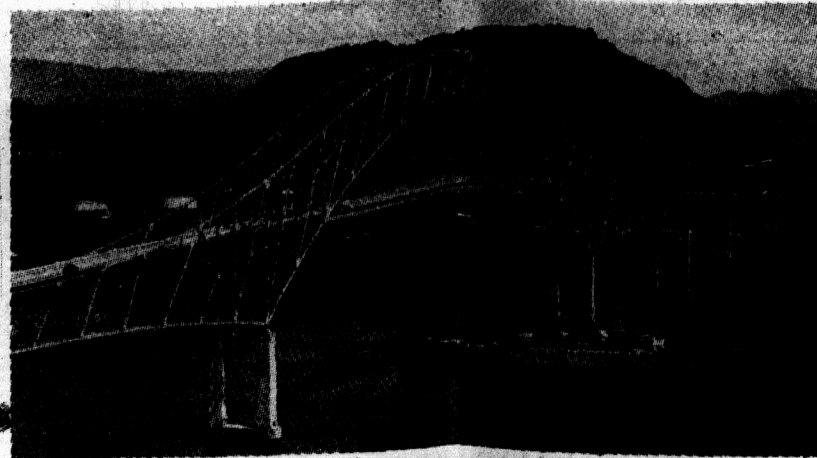
In Panama's change-over from Home Mission Board to Foreign Mission Board, the Hasteyes of Oklahoma were the first Foreign Board missionaries sent there. They had transferred from Mexico in January, 1974. In the summer, the revival and Bible school they directed in this ghetto had brought a thrilling response.

One step up from the sidewalk we entered the little room rented for the mission. It looked as though it might seat 75. A red curtain decorated one wall. Two shelves held the mission library. "Children here can read, but many adults cannot," Mr. Hastey said.

We walked around to a vacant lot behind the mission. "Hi, pastor!" A bright-eyed young black boy came to greet us with a big smile. Mrs. Hastey introduced him: "Jorge was one of the boys who accepted Jesus as their Savior during the Bible school."

"Before the VBS in August, we cleaned up this vacant lot — the mission members and myself," Mrs. Hastey told me. "We hauled off a large pile-up of pure filth. This mosaic pavement we're standing on was formerly the floor of a building. We bought a tarp made in Brazil, cut posts and bamboo poles and put the tarp up without help from outside the mission."

"At first we thought we would have two Bible School departments in the building and one under the tarp. When I preached in a revival here in January, I spoke in English, because the people who founded the mission are English-speaking descendants of Jama-



Bridge of the Americas, across the Panama Canal.

cans. Attendance then was around 25, with 10 to 15 in Sunday School.

"On the first day of Bible school, though, 188 children arrived," he continued, "and this building and lot could not hold them all. We took the Intermediates to the First Spanish Baptist Church in cars. The next day 218 came, so both Intermediates and Juniors went to First Spanish in buses. Average attendance for the week was 208, plus 12 workers. At least ten Intermediates made professions of faith."

"At night we had revival services under the tarp. We had strung up lights, and used the loudspeaker. Each night we would show a religious film, a couple from Ecuador would present special music, and I would preach. The Bible school was in Spanish and the revival in Spanish and English. Average nightly attendance was 250, and many of those were adults. On the closing night, many parents were present who had never been there before. Several expressed thanks for what their children had learned."

Six students from Panama's Baptist Theological Seminary were VBS workers (the Hasteyes both teach in the seminary). Also the Hasteyes' daughter, Lela, was one of the VBS workers. Lela teaches school in Philadelphia, Pa., in an area termed a ghetto. "When she saw Chorrillo," Mr. Hastey recalled, "she said, 'Daddy, in comparison to this, we don't have a ghetto!'"

As mission members prepared for the Bible school — having prayer meetings; securing extra chairs from the sponsoring church, First Baptist, Balboa; planning for refreshments; handling publicity — their Sunday school attendance grew to 95 the Sunday before the VBS. Attendance continues at 75 to 100.

"If we can buy this lot with Lotte Moon money already set aside for it, we plan to use it for a social service center, including day care for children," Mr. Hastey said. "Pastor Vivian Wilson preaches at the mission twice on Sundays, and then three nights a week he directs services here, working with the Intermediates in music, Bible study, handwork, and recreation."

I wanted to know more about



Lela Hastey with some of the children in VBS at Chorrillo Mission.

## Man-Made Wind

By Ruby Buckley

Flying kites is a favorite hobby around our house in March. One warm spring day we loaded into the family car with our picnic lunch, a friend or two and several kites. We found just the right hill and out all nine of us climbed. On that day no matter where we stood, how fast we ran and how much we wanted to fly the paper birds, they wouldn't fly. The conditions were not right.

On another day the children and I walked out into the wide open field. As we gently turned loose of the same kites the wind carried them up-up-out of sight. Even though we couldn't see them, we knew all was well because of the strong upward pull on the strings.

Kite flying is like the life of the Christian. God makes the flying possible when the conditions of our hearts are right. It's through the Wind of His Spirit that blessings come. Not from our rather chaotic running back and forth. It's so beautiful when he does it and so futile when we try without him.

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles —" (Isaiah 40:31). A Christian can fly on wings of trust and surrender. God lets us fly when we need the view from the top-side to help us with our walking. And whether we're flying or walking we know he is in control because of the strong upward pull on our hearts.

this pastor, and my questions about him received enthusiastic answers as we drove back to the Hasteyes' apartment building: "Pastor Wilson is a faithful layman of high caliber. A black man who lives in another community of Panama City, he has been a Christian four years. His job in a department of the Panama government pays him only about \$250 a month. Yet he receives no salary for his work in this mission."

"He visits the people at Chorrillo, often. He helps some who have financial problems to find work; he gets medical attention for some who are sick. He took 50 children, young people and adults, to the zoo in the Canal Zone on a day's outing, and plans to take them to the convention's camp for a weekend retreat."

At the Tocumen International Airport I noticed a sign: Puente del Mundo — Corazon del Universo (Bridge to the World — Heart of the Universe.) Panama is home to Spanish-speaking Latins, English-speaking West Indians,

primitive Indian tribes, and — in the Canal Zone — to U. S. citizens. It is home to Catholics, Jews, Hindus, and Buddhists. The most prominent hill in Panama City displays a temple of Bahai. Among all these, the Panama Baptist Convention has 40 churches with 6,000 members.

The Hasteyes and other missionaries with them now in Panama are making plans for the future. Mr. Hastey said, "In particular we want to do more for the Spanish-speaking; the greatest need is to win them and we are seeking ways to meet that priority need."

"After I had visited the mission in Chorrillo and heard of the response from last summer's efforts, I could understand why Dr. Charles Bryan of the Foreign Mission Board had written: 'This provides a good example of what could and should be done to reach the masses for Christ in such areas of cities in Latin America.'"

## He Didn't 'Have A Prayer' But That's What Saved Him

By Bob Mathews

**OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)**—Don D. Lowrey, a 24-year-old Sunday School teacher at Cherokee Hills Baptist Church here, believes in answered prayer.

He says he felt its effect during a horrifying 48 hours in which he narrowly escaped death at the hands of three kidnapers, who beat him, shot him and left him for dead.

It sustained him when captors forced his head down into an old abandoned toilet and sent a bullet thudding into the back of his head. Instead of penetrating the skull, the bullet traveled under his scalp on the outside of his skull over the top of his head.

And prayer, and the events surrounding the episode, had a life-changing effect on his brother, Ron.

Lowrey's experience began on a fog shrouded Wednesday morning, Feb. 12, as he sat in his car reading a newspaper and awaiting time to go to work as an apprentice electrician.

A man tapped on his window

and asked if Lowrey could help him change a flat. Lowrey offered the man a ride to his car, but, when he entered the car, he jammed a pistol to Lowrey's head. Two more men appeared out of the fog and the trio forced the young man into the trunk of his car hitting him in the head as he leaned over.

Although he was missed by his work crew, Lowrey was not heard from again until his blue Buick was found abandoned in north east Oklahoma City by the three gunmen, who used it to flee from the robbery of the Park State Bank in a suburban Nicoma Park. The motor was running and the doors and the trunk lid were open when police found it.

When Lowrey's wife, Becky, an employee of the Council Road Baptist Church Day Care Center, was notified of his disappearance, fellow church members started prayer chains. Much of the Wednesday prayer service at Cherokee Hills Church was devoted to praying for the safety of the

young man. During the two days of waiting and praying, people from around the country called to assure Becky of their prayers.

In the meantime Lowrey's older brother, Ron, arrived and issued appeals on radio and television for the kidnapers.

On Friday afternoon, the Oklahoma County sheriff's office received a call saying, "That man might be found on the north side of Nicoma Park."

Sheriff's deputies rushed to the area and were met by a black man, who said he had spotted someone moving his leg in the window of an abandoned house. It was Lowrey. Prayers of thanksgiving were said throughout the city as radio stations broadcast the good news that he had been found and was alive.

Lowrey remembers being put into a small room and hit in the head before he felt a severe blow — the bullet — on to the back of the head. The small room was an old outdoor toilet, where his captors placed him for his execution. The trio left thinking he was dead,

not knowing that the bullet failed to penetrate the skull.

He somehow dragged himself to the abandoned house about 40 feet away and lay down on an old couch in the front room near a window.

He is hospitalized awaiting plastic surgery and is under 24 hour police guard since the trio of bank robbers has not been caught, but that's not the end of the story.

Sunday night, his brother Ron, who had served as the family spokesman during the ordeal, was in the services at Cherokee Hills church. During the invitation he made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and asked to be baptized.

Ron explained that two weeks ago he had become concerned about his spiritual condition, although he had been baptized as a youth. He asked God for a sign.

"I've had my sign," Ron Lowrey told the church. "When God brought Don back alive, I knew what I had to do."

## 'Christ... Has Changed My Life,' Julie Nixon Tells NRB Women

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) —

"In March (1974) I made a decision to invite Christ into my life," Julie Nixon Eisenhower told a group of women at a reception here Jan. 27 sponsored by the National Religious Broadcasters during the organization's 32nd annual convention.

In her brief message to wives and delegates in the Washington Hilton Hotel, Mrs. Eisenhower added that her conversion experience "really changed my life."

She confessed that she was "glad that (her appearance) is this year instead of last January," stating that in 1974 she would have had nothing to say.

"I don't know if any of you have ever felt bitter," she said, "but I was good at that. I was angry at what I thought were unfair attacks on my family. My whole life has really changed. I have found it hard to be a Christian... difficult to trust as I should."

Mrs. Eisenhower, an assistant

managing editor of the Saturday Evening Post, said she is currently doing research on the subject of love for the magazine. She quoted a line from the popular song, "What the world needs now is love sweet love," and added, "I never knew what real love was until I read the Bible. It helps me to understand others better."

The younger daughter of former President and Mrs. Richard Nixon became a Christian believer after she began attending the Congressional Wives Bible Study group led by Eleanor Page.

Mrs. Eisenhower was presented the one millionth copy of the New American Standard Bible by Mrs. Samuel Sutherland, representing the Lockman Foundation of La Habra, Calif. which produced the edition.

Julie Eisenhower commended the group for the "spreading of the word of the love of Christ" and paraphrased a verse of Scripture without giving the reference, "If we love one another, the darkness disappears."

## Mississippi College Radio Station Is Now On The Air

Making your dreams come true can sometimes be a long, frustrating job. In the case of the new Mississippi College commercial radio station, the dream took at least 20 years to reach reality. The patient waiting of those involved has resulted in Station WHJT, 93.5 on the FM Dial, now serving the public.

Dr. Hollis Todd, chairman of the Speech and Communicative Arts Department at Mississippi College, had tried to obtain a commercial station for the college for use in training students since he began teaching. Lack of funds and frustration of opportunities plagued him from the start, but he and his wife, Dr. Julia Todd,



Mike Myers of Boyle, son of Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Myers, Jr., is one of the many student disc jockeys working and training at Station WHJT, the new Mississippi College commercial radio station.

professor of speech and communicative arts, continued working.

Seven years ago it was learned through the services of David Nohra, a former student, that a channel was available for this area. Application was made, but it was turned down.

"We didn't know the political ropes," Dr. Todd explained. "We needed consultant engineers and lawyers in Washington to plead our case with the Federal Communications Commission."

Three years later another chance came along. Lawyers and engineers were hired, new surveys were made of Clinton's population and projected growth, and opposition in time was defeated. A construction permit was granted by the FCC, and those in the Communicative Arts Department found their hard work and headaches had really only begun.

Construction of the control and radio rooms on the basement floor of the Aven Fine Arts Building was begun by the college maintenance crew. A 255 foot tower was erected to carry the station's 3000 watts of broadcasting power.

The control board was designed and built by Dr. Todd and assistant professor Bill Lytal, another member of the Speech and Communicative Arts Department. Several former students and friends — Bill Fairley, Ken Standard, Shane Taylor and Nohra — gave their professional services in electronically tuning the equipment. On Dec. 5 program test authorization was given by the

FCC and WHJT began broadcasting from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. seven days a week.

"We have not had an official opening yet," Dr. Todd explained. "We are trying to get organized and work the bugs out of the transmitting equipment. We are almost through, though, and hope to have a big opening soon."

Station WHJT is unique in its operation, being licensed as a commercial and a training station.

"The application for licensing this station was more difficult and longer than my doctoral dissertation," Mrs. Todd said. "Getting a commercial license for a private college is extremely difficult."



Dr. Hollis Todd (right), chairman of the Department of Speech and Communicative Arts, and assistant professor Bill Lytal look over some electronic equipment as the new Mississippi College commercial radio station WHJT goes on the air. Dr. Todd is general manager of the station, and Lytal is production manager. WHJT will also be used as a teaching station for students. (M.C. Photo by Bob Rampey)

Now the station is on the air with Dr. Todd as general manager and a staff of all-student disc jockeys. This doesn't cut down on the quality of the announcers, though, both Todds will assure doubters.

"At least 90% of the radio stations in Jackson have had our students working for them," Mrs. Todd explained. "But regular stations can't afford to train students themselves. That is where we come in."

"Our first goal," Dr. Todd said, "is to become a first class radio training facility, giving students instruction in announcing, sales, engineering, writing copy and production."

To do this, students get their beginning experience on the small campus station. When they are ready to take the responsibility of a commercial station and an opening is available, they are transferred to WHJT. All students must have a FCC license, just as they would any other commercial radio station.

"Our second aim is to make this station innovative in radio programming style," said Dr. Todd. "We want to become a community service organization, not just a music - news - weather station."

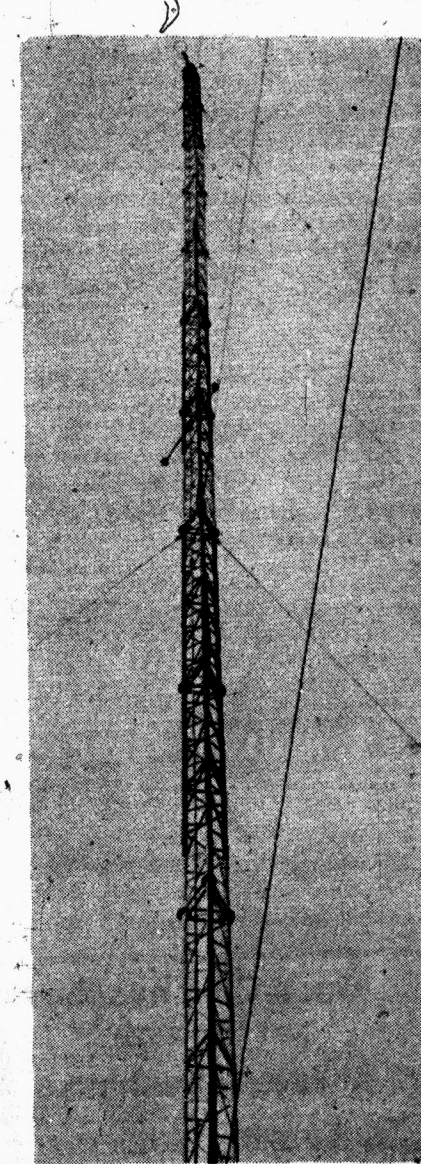
As a result, the station is using what is known as the block or segmented format, fitting the style of music to the time of day. The overall emphasis is on easy listening music, religious music and community service programs.

The station reaches farther than just the local Clinton community, though. WHJT is getting unusual coverage, with clear signals being received as far away as Yazoo City, Vicksburg, Port Gibson and Brookhaven.

Sales response has been good, though sales representative Jan Cosset, a graduate assistant in the Department, admits it takes time to build up a good clientele.

In addition to the major work already completed, many more hard hours are still ahead to build the station and keep it going.

The staff and students of the Speech and Communicative Arts Department, including those working on the control board, those writing copy, those selling contracts, those arranging music and those cutting tapes, are all contributing to a dream realized.



Perhaps the tallest structure in Clinton, this slinky tower transmits the signal for WHJT-FM radio which is now operating in the central Mississippi area. (M.C. Photo by Bob Rampey)



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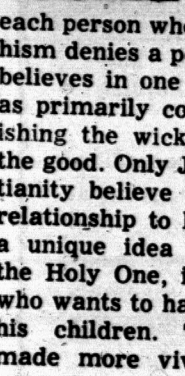
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# In Him We Have A Relationship

By William J. Fallis  
Hebrews 6-10

Because most Christians have more or less grown up in the Christian faith, they do not realize how different it is from the religions of the world. It is the only faith that teaches that God is impartially concerned for all people and wants to have loving fellowship with each person who obeys him. Buddhism denies a personal God. Islam believes in one God but sees him as primarily concerned with punishing the wicked and rewarding the good. Only Judaism and Christianity believe that God offers a relationship to his people. This is a unique idea that the Creator, the Holy One, is also the Father who wants to have fellowship with his children. This intention is made more vivid for Christians



through the words and works of Jesus, God's Son. In him we do have a relationship.

The Lesson Explained  
God's Laws In Our Minds  
8:8-12

The Old Testament word for relationship was "covenant." That was the theme largely of the lessons for last September; God made a covenant with his people. No other ancient people was aware of God in that way. Their deities and idols had their own concerns; they demanded tribute from the people — and fear. But they were not pictured as being concerned for the people or wanting to have fellowship with them.

It was that first covenant that the writer of Hebrews recalled as he continued to discuss Jesus as the great High Priest. He remembered how Jeremiah described the failure of that covenant, and he quoted four verses from his chapter 31, beginning with the words, "Behold, the days come."

Thus, Jeremiah foretold a new

covenant; he may have been writing just after Jerusalem was captured. The new fellowship would not be keyed to laws graven on stone, but each person would have his own relationship with God by having the law in his mind and heart. Although Jeremiah said the covenant would be made "with the house of Israel," the writer of Hebrews was convinced that the Christian community was the new Israel, the continuing channel for God's ongoing work. From verse 11 we get the impression that the knowledge of God would not be reserved for the privileged people but would be available to all. His forgiveness of their iniquities would spring from unlimited grace.

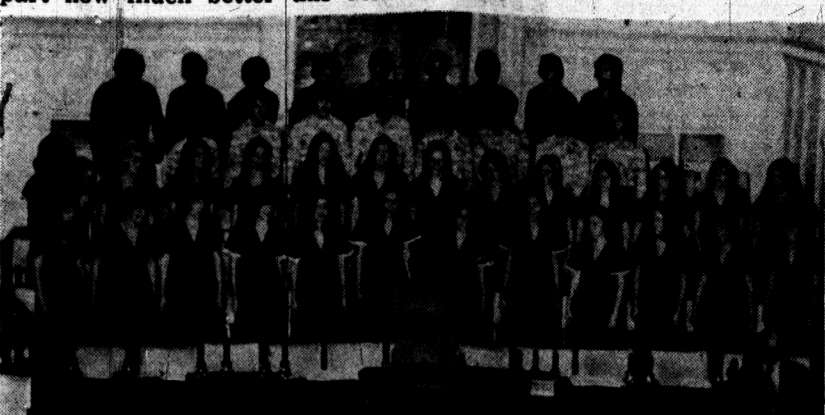
Confident In Grace And Hope  
10:19-23

The new covenant was never intended as a contract; it is a relationship between God and the believer — all believers. The seven verses from chapter 10 show in part how much better this rela-

tionship is than the old covenant.

The central figure in the new relationship is Jesus, whose death made it possible for us to enter into the very presence of God with confidence. Here we are reminded of last Sunday's lesson as the writer alludes to the high priest's annual responsibility to go through the curtained doorway into the holy of holies of the Temple to mediate forgiveness for the people. Our High Priest has, by his fleshly life on earth, opened a new and living way through the veil of sin that separated man from God.

Christ's atoning death and victorious resurrection have accomplished God's purpose. Now sincere believers can come near to God because their hearts are clean. "Sprinkled" and "washed" in verse 22 probably refer to the ancient ritual of the Day of Atonement. Here the guilty conscience has been cleansed by faith in Christ.



Clarke Singers "On The Road" Soon

Spring tour for Clarke College Singers, under direction of J. B. (Buddy) McElroy, is to begin March 14, with the group singing for an association-wide youth rally at Greenville. The following day's engagement will be for a youth rally in Memphis, at Carriage Hills Church. The group will

sing at Grays Creek Church, Herndon, on March 16 in the morning service and at First Church, Jackson, for the Sunday evening service. March 17, they will give a full evening's program at East Heights Tupelo; March 18, at Carrollton Church and March 19, at Briarwood, Jackson.

## Revival Dates

Good Hope, Purvis: March 23-26; youth-led revival; Rev. David Moree, pastor, Pine Burr Church, preaching; Harmon Strickland, Jr., member of Good Hope, minister of music; Rev. Eugene Broome, pastor; services at 7 p. m.

First, Macon: Old Fashioned Singing School led by Dr. Edwin McNeely, Newton, March 12, 13; revival with Dr. R. G. Lee preaching and Dr. McNeely leading singing, March 13-15; Dr. Lee's messages: Second Coming, Friday evening; Pay Day, Some Day, Saturday evening; Heaven, Sunday morning; Sunday evening unannounced; services 7:30 during week; Rev. Hugh Poole, pastor.

First, Itta Bena: March 16-21; Rev. Perry Neal, Montgomery, Alabama, full-time evangelist, preaching; Tom Larrimore, music evangelist from Jackson, in charge of music; services during week at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Wilbur B. Webb, pastor.

Rocky Creek, Lucedale, March 16-23; Dr. Hyman Appelman, evangelist; B. O. Parker, singer; 7:30 P.M.; Rev. S. A. Adkins, pastor.

Easthaven (Lincoln): homecoming revival, March 23-26; former pastors W. Ed Theile, Herman Merritt, Robert Wall, John Bowden and Marvin Sanders preaching; services on Sunday at 10:45 a. m. and 6:30 p.m. with dinner on the ground; Services Monday-Wednesday at 7 p.m.; Robert M. Hanvey, pastor.

North Columbia Church, Columbia: March 30 - April 4; Evangelist Jerry Mixon of Petal, preaching, Rev. M. H. Walmon, pastor.

Indian Springs, Hattiesburg: March 26-29; Evangelist Jerry Mixon, Petal, preaching; R. A. Hullen, minister of music; Rev. B. A. Conway, pastor.

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## Calvary To Be First In Meridian To Televise Services

Calvary, Meridian, has voted to televise their Sunday morning worship services. The first service to be televised is scheduled for March 16. This will be the first church service to be televised in Meridian, according to an announcement in the Calvary bulletin.

The service may be viewed on WHTV, Channel 24 and No. 12 on the cable. "The televising will not interfere with our regular broadcasting services carried on radio station WMOX," states the pastor, Rev. W. Otis Seal.

## Corinth Calls Pastor

Corinth Church, Nicholson, has called Rev. Ronald M. McCaskill as pastor. A native Georgian and graduate of the University of Georgia, he is a student at New Orleans Seminary. His past experience includes: associate pastor and minister of music at First Church, Adle, Georgia; minister of music at First, Danielsville, Georgia; minister of music in Thomasville, Georgia, and pastor in Ochlocknee, Georgia.

He is married to the former Frances Clack of Georgia. They have twin sons, 15 months old.

## Virginia Banquet To Honor Memory Of Luther Rice

The memory of Luther Rice, pioneer Baptist missionary, will be honored by people interested in early American Baptist history at a banquet, Tuesday, March 25, 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 2400 Eisenhower Avenue, in Alexandria, Virginia.

Luther Rice College, eight year old Baptist College located in Alexandria, is sponsoring the banquet. The public is invited. Reservations may be made by calling 971-4476.

DENIA, Spain — "Encounter '75" was the theme for a three day youth meeting recently held at the Baptist encampment here. Seven Spanish Baptist churches represented by 80 young people met together for a time of spiritual renewal and fellowship.

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## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Facing The Costly Way

By Bill Duncan  
Luke 22:39-54a

Can you imagine the spiritual tension that Jesus Christ experienced the night he was betrayed? The Lord Jesus was no servant. He was Lord, King of Kings and Lord of all. He was the Son of



God. All the hosts of heaven worshipped Him and leaped to do his bidding, but He took the lowly place of a servant while he was here on earth. As a servant, he was destined to experience the wrath of mankind which rejects love. He faced the cross.

There seems no reason to think he was afraid to die physically. Many lesser men have been willing to die. At Gethsemane, Jesus Christ was confronted with the terrible issue that was before him, that to accept the will of God meant being separated from his Father in death. His agony was great as he closed the last door of escape and started down the corridor of final commitment to the cross.

In the time of spiritual tension, Satan came and disturbed Jesus by issuing a choice. All Jesus needed to do in order to escape death was to leave Gethsemane for some safe retreat — to refuse to confront his people with the necessity of making their ultimate, fateful choice.

Gethsemane is the place where the drive to save one's self comes into direct conflict with God's summons to redemptive self-giving. I can imagine Satan's influence saying to Jesus, "Often the test of courage is not to die but to live." But He chose to lose himself to save us. His prayer ends as should every prayer offered by one who is committed to God: "Not my will, but thine, be done."

How did Jesus face the costly way? Many times when we have to face decisions, we choose the advice of others, or more information. Many people attempt to avoid the necessity of choice. Decision is a part of life. No man can escape it. All we can do is determine what we will choose — right or wrong. That is the point. How did Jesus decide?

"He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives." The time of decision or agony was a time of prayer. The disciples also went to pray because they were simply not ready for the crisis which was about to erupt. Therefore, He told them to pray that they not get involved in a situation which will cause them to sin. The temptation of the disciples was the hostility, anguish and pressure to which the disciples would be subject. Temptation in the New Testament can mean at least two things — to be lured and enticed to evil or to be tested and tried as by affliction and sorrow. Prayer is a defense against both enticement to sin and the sorrows and afflictions of life. Jesus told his disciples that they should watch and pray which means vital contact with God. "Pray and Watch" are our defenses, for in them we see life in proper perspective and discover the means of assurance.

Jesus faced the costly way in prayer. In the time of agony the struggle was within Jesus'

will with reference to his becoming sin for the world. There was strength in his relationship of Father - Son. Even when he is forced to walk a lonely, terrifying road he affirms his relationship. "The cup" which Jesus mentioned, signifies his suffering and death. Jesus prayed that this would be removed. What a cry of humanism! To be rejected is bad enough, but to be crucified is horrible. But Jesus was talking to His Father about the possibility of it being removed. But "Not my will but thine be done."

Jesus was not abandoned in this spiritual crisis but he received heavenly strength. Luke alone mentions that an angel appeared to strengthen him. The struggle had been like a great contest. In the agony of holy work, Jesus' prayer was like hard work. Jesus broke out in bloody sweat. This vividly portrays the great struggle through which Jesus was passing. God ministered unto his spiritual and physical needs in the time of great decision. The victory won, Jesus arose from prayer. He would not be deterred from his commitment.

What would you do if trapped with no escape? Jesus acted as if he were in charge when he was surrounded and arrested. The crowd that came to arrest Jesus came into the garden where the prayer meeting had been held. The kiss of Judas was the consummation of the betrayal. A gesture of love with the sting of death.

The followers of Jesus impulsively thought of resistance. Peter swung his sword at the man's head but only got an ear. Jesus halted the violence and healed the man's ear. Jesus wanted the authorities to know that his followers were not political revolutionaries. He was anxious that his disciples not be molested, but be permitted to go free at that time. Be assured that Christ will take care of his own in the darkest hour.

Jesus told the arresting authorities that he recognized that the hour was theirs and that it was a dark and evil hour. Satan had never exercised greater power than he did that night and the day following.

But remember evil always works under the restraining hand of the benevolent God. Now God removed his restraining hand. Only in this way can we understand the unrestrained evil conduct of those who brought Jesus to his death. But God will have his greatest hour when he raises his Son from the dead to be the Saviour of a lost world.

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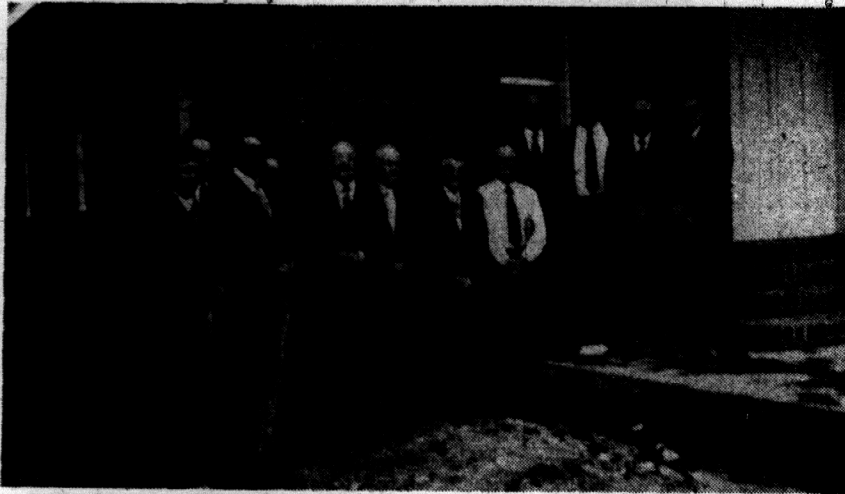
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### Meadow Brook Dedicates Sanctuary

Meadow Brook (DeSoto) recently dedicated their new auditorium. Rev. Arnold Taylor of Longview Heights, Olive Branch (and pastor at Fairhaven when it was mother church to Meadow Brook) brought the afternoon message. Rev. Alvin Kitchen, pastor, read the church history. Mr. Kitchen, Texas native, has been pastor at Meadow Brook six years, beginning with 23 members, and now with 150. This is the second building program he has led in. Above are Building Committee members, l to r: Tommy Taylor, Otho Looney, Clarence Parker, Pastor Kitchen, Harold Bell, and Joe Taylor.



### Good Hope Completes New Sanctuary

Good Hope Church at Coaltown near Purvis dedicated the cornerstone of their new building on February 23. Rev. Eugene Broome, pastor, delivered the dedication message. Present plans are to dedicate the new sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Pictured are the pastor, deacons and Building Committee.



Oak Grove (Simpson) has burned the note on their new pastorial. Of the \$21,700 cost, only \$6000 was borrowed in August, 1973. Rev. T. D. Mangum was interim pastor during the building; Rev. Jimmy R. Walker is now pastor.

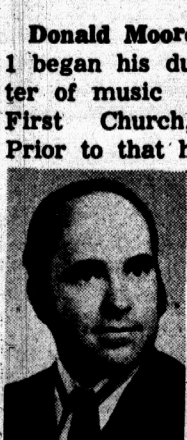
## Names In The News

Russ Bush III, formerly of Columbia, MS, has been elected to the permanent faculty of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, as assistant professor of philosophy of religion.

Rev. Bob Barker, Jr., pictured, begins his fifth year in evangelism this spring. In the past four years he has preached 120 revivals in 22 states, using the theme, "Days of Decision." This year an evangelistic musician will accompany him to those churches who want two men for the revival team — Lloyd Young of Gadsden, Alabama, singer and instrumentalist. In addition, he states that an outstanding student who is a ventriloquist, is available for services on weekends. Mr. Barker and Mr. Young state that they go by themselves, or together, as needed, and both have a number of open dates. They can be contacted by writing Bob Barker, Jr., 55 Margaret Avenue, Chickasaw, Alabama 36611.



Donald Moore on February 1 began his duties as minister of music and youth at First Church, Vidalia, La. Prior to that he served in a similar position with Immanuel, Natchez. Married to the former Margie Palmer of Jackson, he has three children. During the past 16 years he has served in several churches in Mississippi and Louisiana as minister of music and youth.



John L. Riffey, 73, emeritus missionary to South Brazil, died at Henderson, N. C. Feb. 13 following a heart attack.

Jimmy C. Bridges, pictured, is now minister of music and youth at Sunrise Church, Rt. 2, Hattiesburg. He has served Way-side at Vicksburg and Edwards Church, as minister of music. Last summer he was a summer music missionary with the State Music Department. A native of Jackson, he is a senior at University of Southern Mississippi. The pastor of Sunrise is Rev. Robert H. Rogers.



Rev. Larry W. Kennedy, pastor of First Church, Amory, was named Outstanding Young Man of Amory January 31, at the annual Jaycees-sponsored Distinguished Service Awards Banquet.

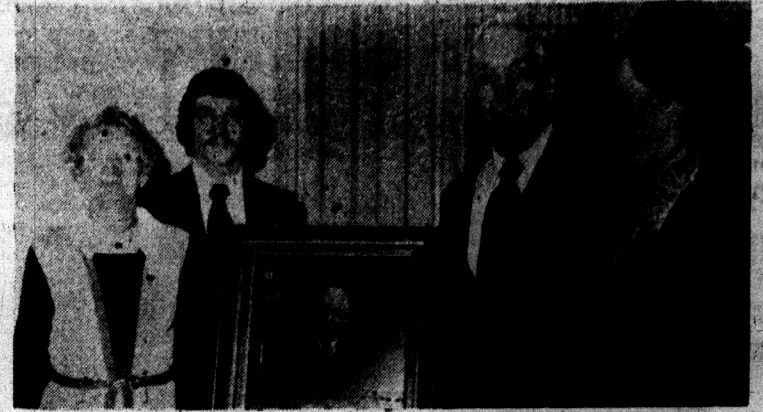


Dr. Lewis Myers, missionary to Vietnam, will speak at Wahalak Church, Kemper County, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Myers is from Boyle. He also will show slides. Rev. Ronnie Bullard is pastor.

Philip N. Duncan of Mantachie, Ms., and Ira J. Jones of Gulfport, are honor students at Baptist Bible Institute for the first semester of the 1974-75 session.

Dr. and Mrs. John L. McNair, newly appointed missionaries to India, have arrived for their first term of service on the field. (address: 582 Contour Road, Bangalore 560006 India). Both are from Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven P. Hicks, Baptist representatives to Mexico, may be addressed at Apartado Postal 267, Ciudad Satellite, Edo. de Mexico. Mrs. Hicks is the former Minnie Greer of Poplarville, Miss.



Professor Roy Hood, recently retired biology faculty member of William Carey College, was honored during recent Homecoming activities by the presentation of a portrait to be hung in Green Science Hall. The presentation was made by Dr. Elvin Smith, former student of Hood's and currently a professor at University of Mississippi Medical School. Above, from left: Mrs. Hood, Roy Hood, Jr., Professor Hood, and Darla Hood Rushing. Another daughter, Beth, was not in Hattiesburg for this occasion. The portrait was provided by alumni who were former students of Professor Hood. Mr. and Mrs. Hood are active members of the First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg. (Photo by Ron Dyal)

Argile Smith, junior at Carey College, has accepted the call as minister of youth and music at Steep Hollow Church, Rt. 2, Poplarville. Native of Pearl River County, he is presently youth director at Big Level Church. This is the first time Steep Hollow has had a minister of youth and music, according to Rev. Dexter Truesdell, pastor.

Earl Eugene Tagert Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Tagert Sr. of Citronelle, Ala., was presented in his graduate voice recital March 6, at New Orleans Seminary. A graduate of Citronelle High School, Tagert earned his bachelor's degree in music education at William Carey College.

### U. S. Government Honors Missionary To Honduras

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (BP) —Dr. David Harms, Southern Baptist Missionary physician stationed here, has received a tribute of appreciation from the U. S. State Department in recognition of his "organization, direction and distribution of medical aid" to victims of Hurricane Fifi.

Phillip V. Sanchez, U. S. Ambassador to Honduras, presented the official certificate to Harms "on behalf of the U.S. government and all embassy personnel in Honduras."

Howard Carpenter, coordinator of the evening program at Northwest Mississippi Jr. College in Senatobia, will speak in a special chapel assembly program at Union University in Jackson, Tenn. on Monday, March 17 at 10 a.m. Mr. Carpenter is now serving as president of the Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference.

Evangelist Jerry Mixon of Petal will be speaker for a youth rally March 15 at 15th Avenue Church, Meridian, at 7:30 p.m. in the gym. Rev. Kelly Dampier is the pastor.

Paul Anderson, the world's strongest man, will be on program for homecoming day at First Church, Carriere, on May 25. Rev. Wm. Gary Smith is the pastor.

Rev. Bruce Worrell Jr. has been ordained to the gospel ministry by Ackerman Church. He has recently been called as pastor of Riverside Mission, Monticello. He and his wife Gloria live in Hattiesburg where he is a junior at William Carey College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Worrell Sr. of Ackerman.



## Devotional

### Have You Caught Anything?

By Frank Pollard, Pastor, First, Jackson  
John 21:1-17

The events of the past three years had led, not to a crown but a cross. It was too much for Simon Peter. "I am going fishing," he said, asserting a return to his former occupation. Alas, we never do anything strictly on our own. Others said: "We will go with you," and half the team our Lord had been training for three years turned from His ministry to the fishing business.

Eagerly they launched out for the first night's catch. But it was a weary and disgusted crew which watched the sun peek over the edge of the mountain. A voice from shore asked a terrible question: "Have you caught anything, boys?" Their agonizing reply was answered: "Cast your net on the other side!" The net was full of fish, as soon as they obeyed. Simon Peter recognized the Lord first and was the first to be on the shore at His side. In the ensuing conversation, he was reclaimed for the great purpose our Lord had in store for him.

Often we miss the best in life when we say: "I go fishing," or "I go" doing this or that. The sad thing is that others will always be there to go with us. We work so long and hard in our search for the real thing. If we listen, there is a voice calling: "Have you caught anything? Have you found it?" We may not answer verbally, but our empty nets are answer enough. Then He says: "Try the other side; you've tried it your way, the world's way. It doesn't work. Try the other side." And when we start doing it His way, we have found it!

### Tommy And Diane Winders Sing

### Tom Lester Rally Held In Tupelo

Tommy Winders Evangelism of Tupelo recently sponsored a two-night rally with Tom Lester, Eb of "Green Acres," as guest. More than 1500 people were on hand and heard the popular television star tell about how Jesus Christ had directed his life to a part in the TV series, GREEN ACRES.

Tom is a native of Laurel and is now devoting a good bit of his time to traveling across America and telling people what Jesus means to him.

He spoke twice on Sunday following the rallies at Harrisburg Church, Tupelo (Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, pastor), the home church of Tommy and Diane Winders.

An outspoken and active witness for Christ, Tom often captivates waitresses, restaurant owners and anyone he comes in contact with by his warm personality and quickness to share "the better life."

Hundreds listened in Tupelo as Tom related how God was working in his life and was willing to do it for others. Both Tom Lester and Tommy Winders spoke

during the two - night rally and Tommy and Diane Winders sang. There were 46 decisions with 20 professions of faith. Because of the tremendous response, Tommy and Diane and Tom are planning other rallies in other cities.

There are plans for Tommy and Diane and Tom Lester to combine efforts again in several two-night rallies. Present plans are for these rallies to be held in December, 1975, and January and February, 1976. For more information and details, write or call today: Tommy Winders Evangelism, Box 1711, Tupelo, MS 38801 (601-844-4442 or 842-1297).

### Revival Results

Lakeview, Leland, Feb. 28-Mar. 2; led by a BSU team from Delta Junior College; Paul Blanchard, preacher; Thad Pritchard, musician; Gene Neal, song leader; Rev. Charles Everitt, pastor; New Jerusalem Railroad Singing Group and the puppet team in charge of evening service March 2; 18 professions of faith; numerous rededications.



Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Beverly are shown at the party given them on the 25th anniversary of his pastorate at Woodville Church.

### Woodville Honors Beverly's On 25th Anniversary

The Woodville Church recreation room was the scene of an anniversary party on, February 12, honoring Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Beverly on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of their going to Woodville.

As a part of the festivities, the honorees were crowned "King and Queen" by Mrs. Harvey Leake, and given a corsage and boutonniere of red roses, after which they were presented a love gift in the form of a check from the church. The presentation was made by Clifford Wheeler, chairman of deacons, who expressed appreciation for the many years of devoted service.

At the conclusion of the program, the 175 persons present were invited to the church auditorium where movies were shown of the Easter Sunday congregations during the past 25 years.

Mr. Beverly will be retiring from the active ministry of this church on December 31, 1975, but he and Mrs. Beverly expect to make their home in this community.

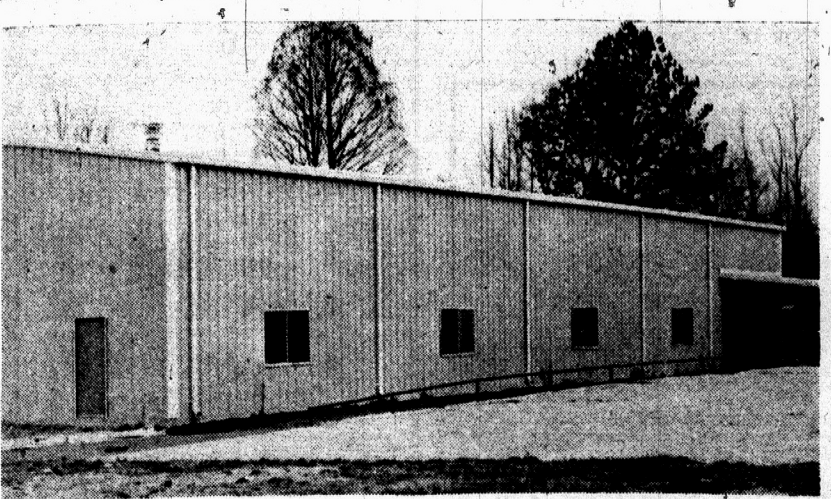
### Holly Springs Homecoming

Holly Springs Church, Lincoln County, will observe Homecoming, March 16. Rev. Hilton Lane, former pastor, will be guest speaker. David Derrick is music director; Rev. Glen McInnis of Hazlehurst, is pastor.



### 1st, Carriere Dedicates House, Car

Recently there were two dedication services at First Church, Carriere. Top photo: the new pastorial is shown along with building contractor, Steve Roche; air conditioning contractor, Rance Cuevas; building committee chairman, A. R. Sumrall; committee members; the pastor, Rev. Wm. Gary Smith and family. The \$50,000 house features four bedrooms, three baths, kitchen, den, double carport, front and back porches. Bottom photo: a new car for the pastor is partially seen in midst of the people. This was the second new car the church has given the pastor in ten years he has served there. Car committee were: Mrs. Hilda Anglin, Ralph Dawsey, Danny Roy Johnson and Mrs. Sadie McElroy.



### Braxton Dedicates Multi-Purpose Building

Braxton Church dedicated their new multi-purpose building February 16. The structure contains a basketball court, shuffleboard and other games, kitchen, baths, storage and four large Sunday school rooms. The floor is concrete with hardwood covering. The dedication message was presented by Rev. Carey Cox, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Foundation. Rev. G. P. Bufkin is pastor.

## Off The Record

A lady went to her doctor with terrible stomach pains. "What did you eat for dinner last night?" he asked.

"Oysters," she said. "Fresh oysters?"

"How should I know?" replied the lady.

"Well," said the doctor, "couldn't you tell when you took off the shells?"

"Oh, no!" gasped the woman. "Are you supposed to take off the shells?" — Southern Wings

A boy asked his father what "extinct" meant.

"Suppose," answered his father, "all life on earth were wiped out. Then you could say the human race was extinct."

The boy thought for a moment, then asked, "Who would you say it to?" —The Lion

Salesman walked up to the front desk to register for a room in the hotel. As he picked up the pen, a bedbug crawled across the desk.

"I've stayed in lots of hotels," the salesman said to the clerk, "an I've been bitten by some pretty smart bedbugs. But this is the first time one ever came down to see what room I was getting!" —Quote

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